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**RESPONSE REGARDING CITY OF EL PASO AND THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO
ENVIRONMENTAL DEPARTMENT'S PETITION FOR REVOCATION OF AIR
QUALITY PERMIT 20345**

From Doug McCallister, Asarco LLC General Council

"It is obvious that the ongoing involvement of elected officials across the Borderland and continued expenditure of taxpayer money is not about the environment or health but due to the City of El Paso's keen interest in our land and property.

The facts are that the rigorous scientific investigation including unprecedented and extensive air modeling in Mexico, New Mexico and Texas was thoroughly studied and it is great news for our community. The conclusion of the investigation and of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality is that our air emissions from operations will not cause or contribute to a condition of air pollution and will not cause a health threat. We are grateful to hold a permit in the state of Texas and take our responsibility to uphold the conditions of the permit seriously.

The 40-page petition does not make even one new argument that was not made during the last six years of rigorous investigation of our El Paso Plant. The petition is simply rehashing the same arguments that the City made in the recent proceeding that culminated with renewal of the very permit that the City now seeks to have revoked."

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