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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Alternative to Test Method Requirements Under 40 CFR Part 63, Subpart O

FROM: *for* J. David Mobley, Acting Director *Fred Dimmick*
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TO: David P. Howekamp, Director
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I am writing in response to a request from Region 9 dated March 22, 1999, in which the Region requested the review and approval of an alternative method. The alternative method request involves the use of California Air Resources Board (CARB) Method 431, "Determination of Ethylene Oxide Emissions from Stationary Sources," dated November 13, 1998. The submittal from CARB to Region 9 is in response to an earlier review and comments provided by Rima Dishakjian of my staff.

Based on a review of this submittal, we are approving the use of CARB Method 431, dated November 13, 1998, as an alternative to the testing requirements in Section 63.365(b) of 40 CFR Part 63, Subpart O, "Ethylene Oxide Emissions Standards for Sterilization Facilities." Please contact Rima Dishakjian at (919) 541-0443 if we can provide further information regarding this alternative.