



California Metals Coalition

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TO: US EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson
RE: Deny Petition by NRDC to Block California Senate Bill 827

The **California Metals Coalition (CMC)** was established in 1972 and today represents over 200 metalworking corporations and 7 regional metalworking trade organizations—employing over 25,000 Californians with living-wage manufacturing jobs and benefits.

California's metalworking industry is arguably the world's leader for **efficient, clean, and safe metal manufacturing**. When compared to manufacturing facilities around the world, California is often the place to find the most technologically advanced, and environmentally conscious metal manufacturers. The metalworking industry is also the **world's oldest and largest recyclers**. California metalworking companies recycle millions of tons of metal that would otherwise end up in landfills. Instead, metals are recycled and manufactured into the components that fly our planes, housings that spin renewable-energy windmills, medical devices that keep our families safe, and defense items that guard our troops.

CMC strongly opposes the petition filed by the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) (*NRDC, et. al, Petition to Require California to Amend its SIP Before Issuing Permits, dated December 10, 2009*) to block implementation of SB 827.

CMC members are fighting layoffs, and SB 827 allows companies to upgrade or purchase new equipment—hence leading to company growth. The NRDC petition attacks job growth, as well as job retention.

CMC respectfully requests that you deny the NRDC petition. Thank you.

Most Sincerely,


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