

#### ACTION PLAN FOR TOXICS

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# **Overview of Presentation**

- Paramount monitoring and enforcement of hexavalent chrome facilities
- Extending beyond Paramount -The District's Toxics Action Plan for High Risk Facilities



#### Paramount 2013



# **Carlton Forge**



#### **Carlton Forge produces:**

- Seamless rolled rings
- Open and closed die forgings
  - Aerospace
  - Gas turbines
  - Industrial, commercial and nuclear industries
    - Carbon and alloy steels
    - Aluminum, titanium, nickel, cobalt and other exotic high-temperature metals

# Health Effects

- Known human carcinogen
- Listed by the U.S. Department Health and Human Services International Agency for Research of Cancer
- Adverse health effects occur at extremely low levels (ng/m<sup>3</sup>)



# **Carlton Forge**



- Operations not generally known to produce hexavalent chrome
- As nickel emissions were reduced, hexavalent chrome stayed constant

#### **Hexavalent Chrome Monitoring**

- Since October 2016
   26 locations\*
- Elevated levels south of Alondra (< 4 ng/m<sup>3</sup>)
  - Conducted multi-agency inspections
  - Assessing potential source(s)









#### **Anaplex & Aerocraft**



#### **Curtailments in Paramount**

- Anaplex: 1
- Aerocraft: 4



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#### Hexavalent Chromium Levels Near Anaplex and Aerocraft



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#### Expanded Hexavalent Chrome Monitoring in Paramount



## **Monitoring Costs**

- \$6000 per week, per facility for enforcement (2 monitors)
- \$700,000 for Paramount
  November 2016-March 2017

#### Current Hexavalent Chrome Monitoring

- Currently monitoring (As of April 6, 2017)
  - 16 locations
- Elevated levels south of Alondra (< 4 ng/m<sup>3</sup>)
  - Conducted multi-agency inspections
  - Assessing potential source(s)



\* Monitored additional school sites with CARB

# **Monitoring at Schools**

- December 23, 2016, CARB started collecting samples at 6 schools
  - Wirtz
  - Alondra
  - Keppel
  - Zamboni
  - Mokler
  - Jackson/Gaines\*
- Lincoln added Feb 18, 2017
- Continue monitoring at Mokler, Gaines, and Lincoln – other sites consistent with background levels
- Plans to re-deploy monitors at other schools



\*Jan 16, 2016 monitor at Jackson was moved to Gaines

#### Average Hexavalent Chrome Levels for Schools



\* MATES IV data for the average range from the 5<sup>th</sup> to the 95<sup>th</sup> percentile of daily average data from the entire study period from 7/2012 to 6/2013

#### **Expanding Beyond Paramount**

#### **SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

AQMD Information: 1-800-CUT-SMOG (1-800-288-7664) Internet: http://www.aqmd.gov



## **Action Plan Summary**

- Identify high-risk toxic sources
- Prioritize sources for action
- Take action to immediately reduce emissions
- Involve and inform stakeholders, including the community, local government, and other environmental agencies within overlapping jurisdictions
- Involve and inform industry
- Develop and maximize the use of District resources
- Fill regulatory gaps in the District's legal authority to address emergency situations





#### Identifying and Prioritizing Potentially High-Risk Facilities

#### **Qualitative Criteria**

#### **Observations by District Staff**

- Operational issues maintenance and housekeeping
- Source Test results
- Proximity to sensitive receptors residences, schools, hospitals
- Clustered with high-priority facilities



#### **Outreach to Public Agencies**

- U.S. EPA
- CARB
- Los Angeles County Public Health
- DTSC
- Los Angeles County Regional Water Board
- Los Angeles County Fire Department
- OSHA
- Cities and municipalities

## **Community Involvement**

- Town Hall meetings
- Semi-weekly conference call
- Website posting



#### Identifying and Prioritizing Potentially High-Risk Facilities

#### **Quantitative Criteria**

- Annual Emissions Reports (Planning and Rules)
- Toxics Emissions Inventories submitted under Rule 1402 (Planning and Rules)
- Complaint Data (Enforcement)
- EPA's Toxics Resources Inventory
- Other means
  - Business Licenses, etc.

#### Outreach

- Weekly telephone calls to the City of Paramount
- Weekly telephone calls to public officials
- Community groups
- Targeted facilities and metal industry

## **Monitoring Costs**

- Recoverable
  - From specified facilities identified as highemitters
- Non-Recoverable
  - Initial monitoring <u>to</u> identify areas where highemitters are located
  - Monitoring that <u>does not</u> identify highemitters

#### **How to Recover Costs**

- Legal authority for additional recovery
- Direct financial support for monitoring from the State

## **Achieving Emissions Reductions**

- Hearing Board Orders for Abatement
- Voluntary Reductions
- Rule 1402
- Rule 1430

#### **Need for Emergency Authority**

#### NO Emergency Authority

- SCAQMD

#### Emergency Authority

- U.S. EPA
- DTSC
- State Water Resource Control Board

#### **Lessons Learned**

- Power of the new monitoring technologies
- Importance of ongoing communication and collaboration with the community and public officials
- Importance of ongoing communication and collaboration with other enforcement agencies
- Need for detailed monitoring to identify previously unknown sources
- Need for additional resources for monitoring
- Need for legal authority for emergency situations



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