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LOCAL GOVERNMENT & SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE ADVISORY GROUP MEETING

Advisory Group Members

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Friday, March 12, 2021 11:30 a.m.

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CALL TO ORDER

ACTION ITEMS (Items 1 through 3):

- 1. Call to Order/Opening Remarks *(No Motion Required)*
- Approval of February 12, 2021 Meeting Minutes (Motion Required) [Attachment 1]
- Review of Follow-Up/Action Items
 (No Motion Required)
 Staff will review the follow-up/action items identified in the previous
 meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEMS (Items 4 through 5):

- Update on Best Available Control Technology Guidelines (BACT) Staff will provide information on the latest updates to the BACT Guidelines approved by the Governing Board on February 2021. (No Motion Required) [Attachment 2]
- 5. Overview of Adopted Rule 1407.1: Control of Toxic Air Contaminant Emissions from Chromium Alloy Melting Operations Staff will provide an overview on recently adopted Rule 1407.1, which applies to chromium metal melting operations. (No Motion Required) [Attachment 3]

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Derrick J. Alatorre Deputy Executive Officer Legislative, Public Affairs & Media

> Al Baez Program Supervisor Science & Technology Advancement

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WRITTEN REPORT:

6. Monthly Report on Small Business Assistance Activities Summary of assistance and outreach activities conducted by South Coast AQMD's Small Business Assistance Office for February 2021. (No Motion Required) [Attachment 4]

OTHER MATTERS:

7. Other Business

Any member of this body, or its staff, on his or her own initiative or in response to questions posed by the public, may ask a question for clarification, may make a brief announcement or report on his or her own activities, provide a reference to staff regarding factual information, request staff to report back at a subsequent meeting concerning any matter, or may take action to direct staff to place a matter of business on a future agenda. (Gov't. Code Section 54954.2)

8. Public Comment Period

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9. Next Meeting Date - Friday, April 9, 2021 at 11:30 a.m.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT & SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE ADVISORY GROUP FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2021 MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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MEMBERS ABSENT:

LaVaughn Daniel, DancoEN John DeWitt, JE DeWitt, Inc.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mark Abramowitz Harvey Eder, Public Solar Power Coalition Frank Forbes Thomas Gross, Board Member Consultant *(Benoit)* Debra Mendelsohn, Board Member Consultant *(Rutherford)* Dan McGivney, SoCal Gas Mark Taylor, Board Member Consultant *(Rutherford)*

SOUTH COAST AQMD STAFF:

Jill Whynot, Chief Operating Officer Derrick Alatorre, Deputy Executive Officer Anissa Heard-Johnson, Deputy Executive Officer Sarah Rees, Deputy Executive Officer Victor Yip, Assistant Deputy Executive Officer Daphne Hsu, Senior Deputy District Counsel Mark Henninger, Information Technology Manager Zorik Pirveysian, Planning & Rules Manager Hugh Heney, Air Quality Analysis & Compliance Supervisor Brian Roche, Systems & Programming Supervisor Anthony Tang, Information Technology Supervisor Van Doan, Air Quality Specialist Elaine-Joy Hills, Air Quality Specialist Paul Wright, Senior Information Technology Specialist

Agenda Item #1 - Call to Order/Opening Remarks

Supervisor Janice Rutherford called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

<u>Agenda Item #2 – Approval of January 15, 2021 Meeting Minutes/Review of Follow-Up/Action</u> <u>Items</u>

Supervisor Rutherford called for approval of the January 15, 2021 meeting minutes. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Agenda Item #3 – Review of Follow Up/Action Items

Mr. Alatorre provided a response to the action items from the previous meeting and indicated that these items will be addressed during today's Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP) presentation.

<u>Agenda Item #4 – Update on recent Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP) Related Activities</u> Mr. Zorik Pirveysian provided an update of the South Coast Air Basin Attainment Plan for the 2006 24hour Particulate Matter_{2.5} (PM_{2.5}) Standard, the Coachella Valley Extreme Area Plan for the 1997 8-hour Ozone Standard, and the 2022 AQMP development.

Mr. David Rothbart indicated that the 2016 AQMP described incentive funding needed to achieve emissions reductions. He stated that federal sources are unlikely to be clean enough to get to attainment and expressed concern about the unintended consequences of Section 185 of the Clean Air Act (CAA) that would be placed on major stationary sources for non-attainment. Mr. Rothbart indicated that Rule 317 - Clean Air Act Non-Attainment Fees might not be able to offset future penalties and would like to know how it would be possible to maintain the ability to avoid those consequences. Additionally, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) has a focus on electrification of all sources; however, it might not occur quickly enough for attainment. It appears that CARB is not looking at transition fuels and technology for immediate emissions reductions and would like to find ways to continue discussions with CARB to foster transition fuels and achieve reductions as soon as possible. Mr. Pirveysian stated that the 2016 AQMP specified a reduction of 108 tons/day of nitrogen oxide (NO_x) by 2023, which is a challenge and needs regulations or programs to achieve it. Subsequently, there was a Contingency Measures Plan (CMP) to address the 108 tons/day NO_x reduction. The CMP specified requirements for South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD), CARB, and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Approximately 60-70 tons/day were identified to be from federal sources, such as ocean-going vessels, aircrafts, and trucks, to achieve that level of reductions. Without those emissions reductions, it would be impossible to demonstrate attainment. There is a fee equivalency provision in Rule 317 allowing offset so that the major sources don't have to pay the fee. There must be a reductions surplus to demonstrate equivalency on money spent on projects that would offset fees that major sources have to pay. In terms of near-term reductions as part of the mobile source strategies, CARB is in the process of updating the mobile source strategy and will have additional short-term reductions, such as maintenance or other programs. Dr. Sarah Rees indicated that South Coast AQMD continues to raise this issue with EPA and there are ongoing discussions. As for CARB, there is a change in leadership and we will continue to have discussions on the need to get to near-zero and on how to achieve immediate reductions. Mr. Rothbart commented on the focus on electrification and offered assistance, if needed.

Mr. Bill LaMarr expressed support for Mr. Rothbart's comments and recommended to communicate with the new administration and EPA to address sources in their jurisdiction so that businesses are not affected by Section 185. Mr. Alatorre indicated there is an ongoing effort to alert Congress of upcoming mandates and ask for assistance when needed, such as incentive funding or authority. Mr. LaMarr stated that it's only been one month since the inauguration and that previous visits were prior to that and asked

what could be done now. Mr. Alatorre replied that there is ongoing communication and the earliest return to Washington D.C. would be later this year. Chair Benoit asked to check if congressional members and the administration representatives are open to other types of meetings and suggested having virtual meetings with them, if possible. Mr. Alatorre stated that there are meetings with the members from our delegation and will work on meetings with the administration representatives. Dr. Rees indicated that the administration is in the transition period and does not have an assigned administrator yet and suggested waiting for assignment of a permanent representative. Mr. LaMarr commented that it is the time to plan. Mr. Alatorre replied that we have been prepared for 10 years and continue to do so. He also mentioned that Senator Padilla is from our region and is aware of the issues and we will have a strong voice on the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works (EPW), which EPA reports to. We will utilize every tool we have to ensure that the administration and legislative bodies hear from us.

Ms. Rita Loof referenced slide #10 and indicated that RadTech previously provided comment on the Reasonable Available Control Technology (RACT) and that South Coast AQMD relied on outdated documents from EPA. Ms. Loof hopes the science behind these documents is updated. Mr. Pirveysian stated that a letter was submitted to EPA requesting to update the guidelines. When considering a RACT and Best Available Control Technology (BACT) analysis, the latest regulations adopted by other agencies in California or the United States (US) are reviewed to provide a benchmark of the latest technologies that other agencies have considered.

Mr. Todd Campbell commented that proposed Rule 2305 – Warehouse Indirect Source Rule would be more effective if there is more flexibility, particularly to include near-zero yard tractors. The Port of Los Angeles has 4-5 BYD Motors tractors, which don't work. If these yard tractors don't work and near-zero tractors have no point values, the ports might turn to diesel-fueled equipment.

Mr. Harvey Eder provided comment on solar power.

Agenda Item #5 – Compliance & Enforcement (C&E) Programs

Mr. Hugh Heney provided information on Compliance & Enforcement (C&E) programs, including information on inspections and enforcement actions. Mr. Brian Roche provided an overview of the Facility Information Detail (FIND) online tool.

Mr. Rothbart indicated that having routine dialog with the regulated community is very helpful and suggested having additional training courses available, possibly coordinated by a permit streamlining and permitting committee. Mr. Heney indicated that management is available to discuss training options.

Ms. Loof referenced slide #7 and asked if the training program provides small businesses with resources and information to prevent violations. If not, Ms. Loof requested for consideration. Mr. Heney stated that in the past, staff would host events at various locations within South Coast AQMD and provided assistance to small businesses. Ms. Jill Whynot indicated that there are programs for small business assistance, training courses, and website updates. There are limited resources, but South Coast AQMD strives for, continues to improve and will consider the suggested ideas. Ms. Loof suggested having links available on the website for businesses as they are reluctant to reach out to inspectors for assistance and having access to other community contacts and resources.

Mr. LaMarr referenced revenue data presented at an earlier meeting and slide #6 on air quality complaints and asked if the revenue from penalties decreased due to less inspections or high compliance

rate. Ms. Whynot replied that inspectors continue to conduct inspections, modified to meet safety requirements. As for penalties, it is difficult to determine what it is driven by as there is a large number of small penalties, but 95% of the total amount could be from 3-4 large penalties. Staff is always striving to help improve compliance rates, which is generally high. Mr. LaMarr agreed that there is a high compliance rate. Mr. LaMarr asked how long a Notice of Violation (NOV) or Notice to Comply (NC) is available on the FIND program. Mr. Roche replied that they will remain on FIND indefinitely. Mr. LaMarr referenced slide #3 and asked if a mobile fuel truck would be classified as a facility. Ms. Whynot replied that a mobile fuel truck does not meet the traditional definition of a facility, but may be subject to permitting requirements. South Coast AQMD has the authority to regulate sources even when permits are not required, such as sources subject to Rule 1113 – Architectural Coatings.

Mr. Geoffrey Blake indicated that there was an ombudsman in the past and asked if there will be one in the future. Mr. Alatorre replied that he is the Public Advisor, who is the point of contact for the public and businesses.

Agenda Item #6 – Monthly Report on Small Business Assistance Activities

No comments.

Agenda Item #7 - Other Business

None.

Agenda Item #8- Public Comment

Mr. Eder provided additional comments on solar power.

Agenda Item #9 – Next Meeting Date

The next regular Local Government & Small Business Assistance Advisory Group meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 12, 2021 at 11:30 a.m.

Adjournment

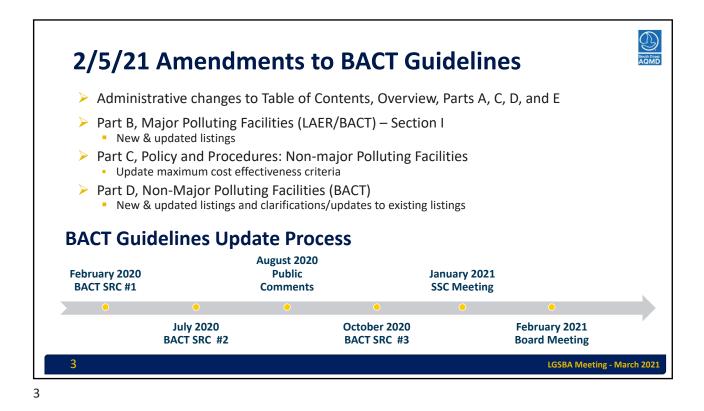
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UPDATES TO BEST AVAILABLE CONTROL TECHNOLOGY GUIDELINES

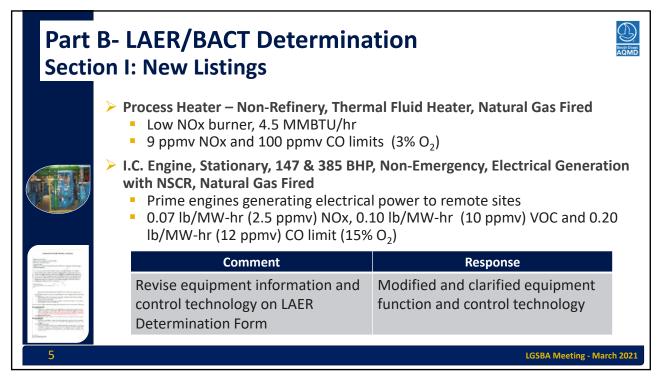
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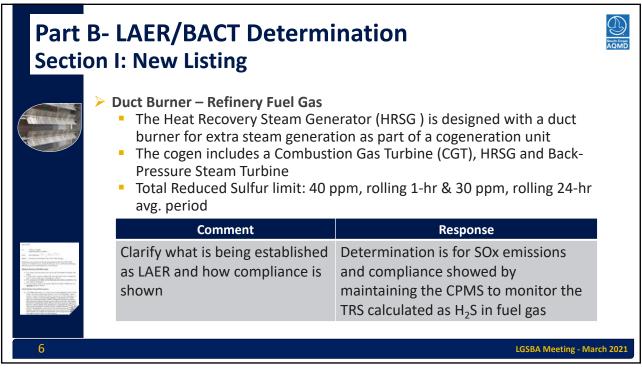
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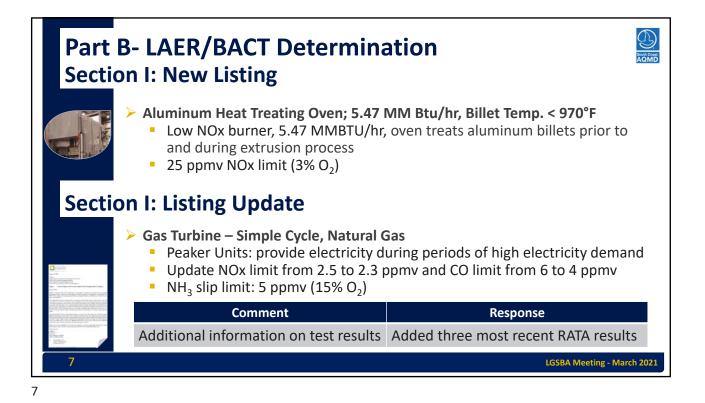


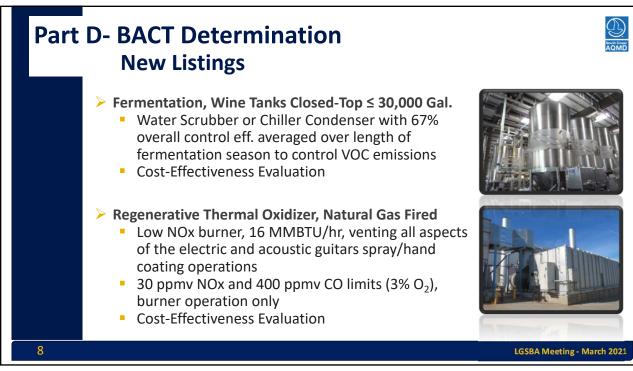


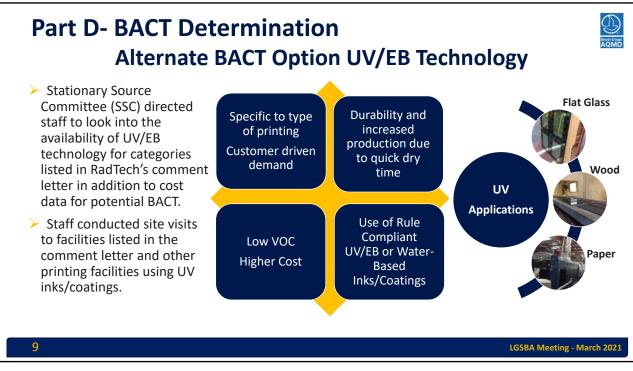




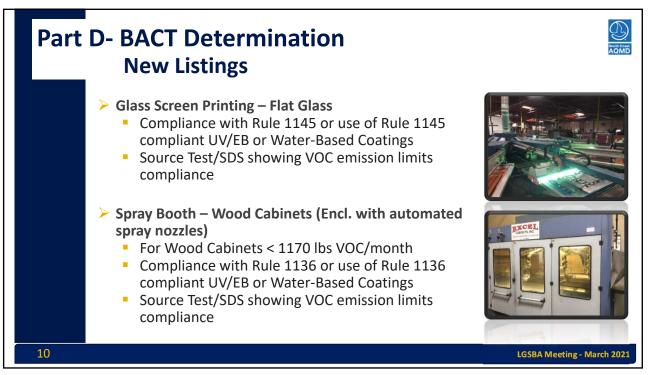


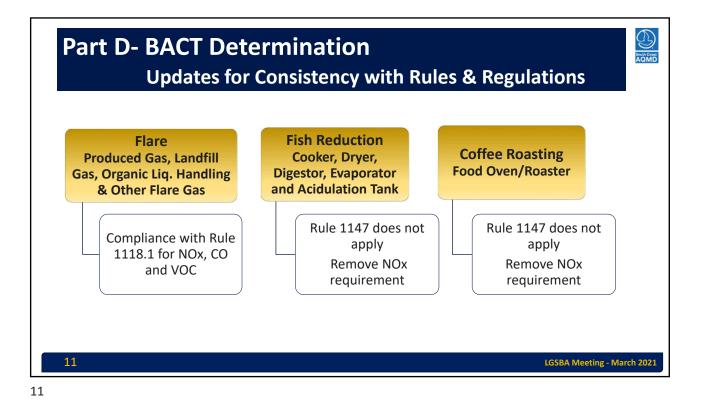


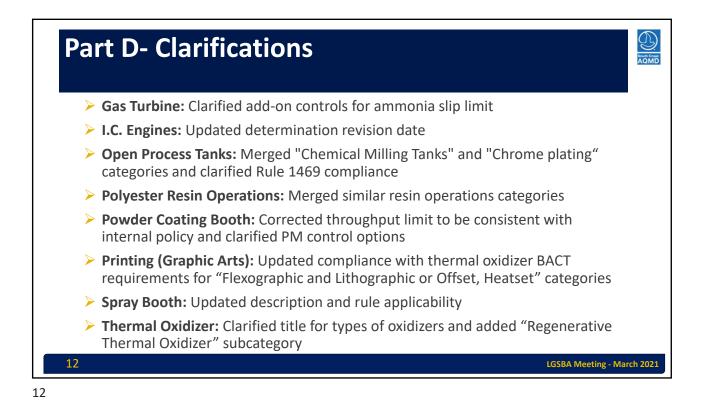


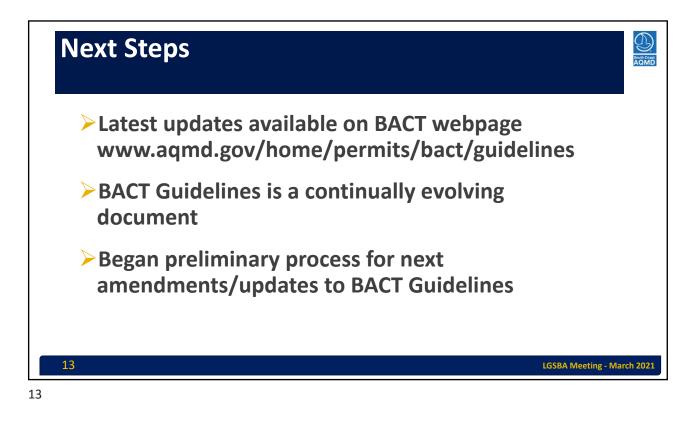


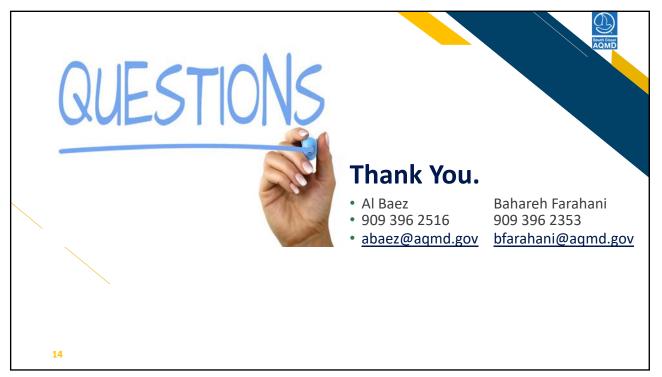


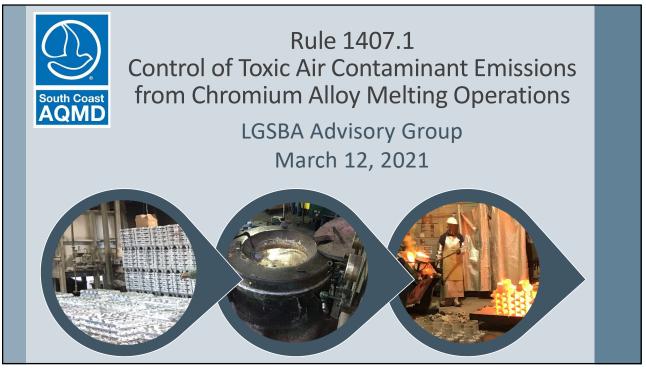


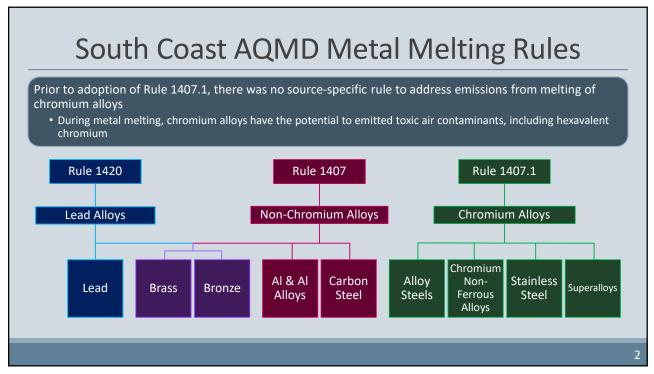


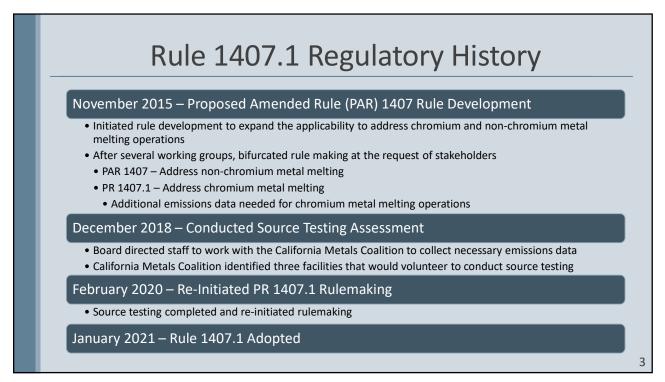


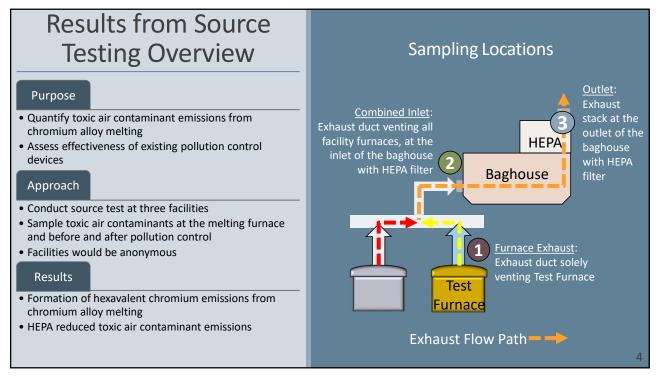












Purpose and Applicability

• Purpose

- Reduce toxic air contaminant emissions from chromium alloy melting operations
- Applicability
 - Any process conducted where chromium alloy is melted, poured, casted, and finished
 - Chromium alloy is defined as any metal that contains 0.5% chromium or greater
- Universe of Facilities and Equipment
 - 11 facilities identified
 - 43 permitted furnaces
 - 17 permit-exempt furnaces

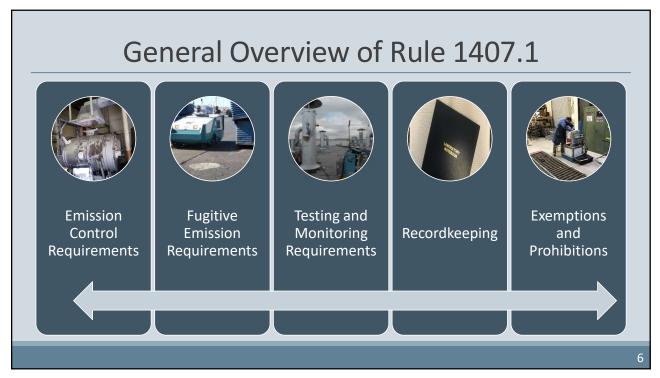
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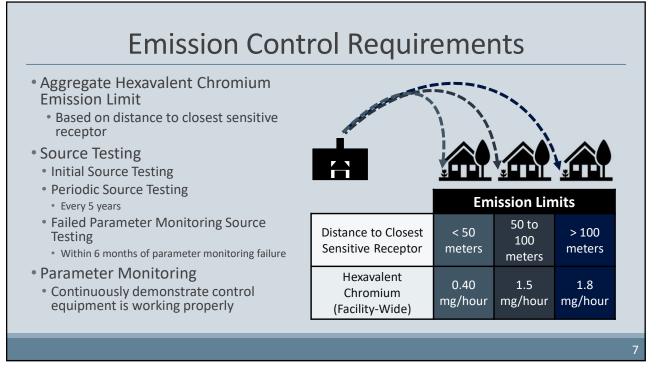
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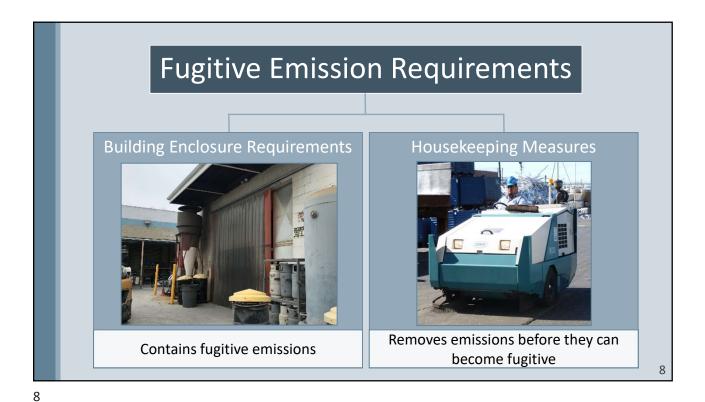
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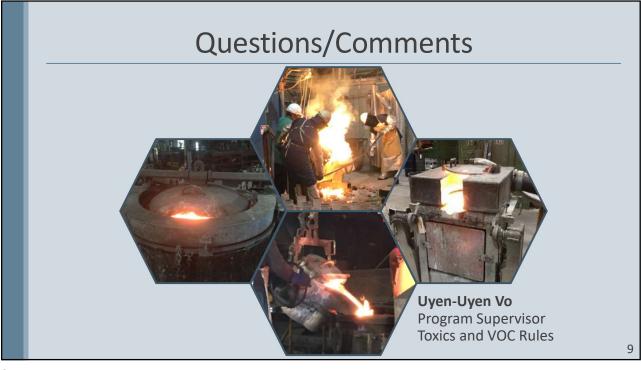
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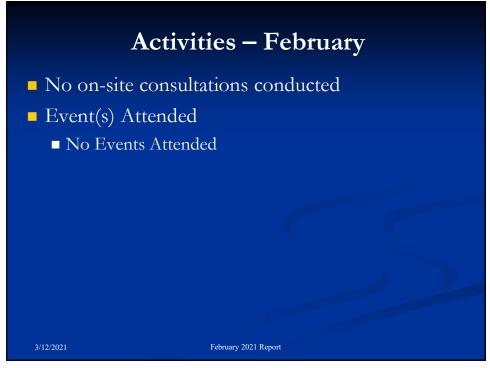
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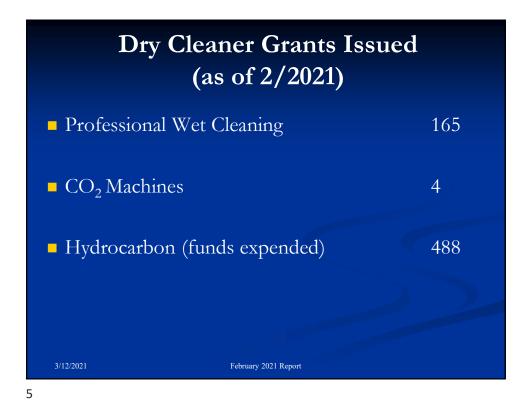
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Small Business Activity February 2020 – February 2021

ACTIVITY	Permit Assistance	On-Site Consultations	Variance Assistance	Fee Review Requests	Air Quality Permit Checklists
Feb-2020	194	6	0	3	63
Mar-2020	258	7	0	3	47
Apr-2020	223	0	0	3	49
May-2020	249	0	0	3	65
Jun-2020	220	0	0	1	51
Jul-2020	345	0	2	3	110
Aug-2020	216	0	0	2	57
Sep-2020	381	0	0	2	65
Oct-2020	280	0	0	3	84
Nov-2020	214	0	15	2	50
Dec-2020	251	0	43	2	59
Jan-2021	226	0	3	1	70
Feb-2021	179	0	1	2	62
TOTAL	3236	13	64	30 🗸	832
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