



South Coast Air Quality Management District

COMMENT PERIOD EXTENDED

QUEMETCO

South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) is the agency responsible for issuing permits to facilities that are subject to local, state, and federal air quality-based rules and regulations. Quemetco is a lead-acid battery recycling facility located at 720 S. 7th Avenue, City of Industry, CA 91746. Quemetco has submitted permit applications requesting to increase the amount of lead product from approximately 460 tons per day (tpd) to 575 tpd and allow the facility to:

1. Increase the limit to the rotary/kiln feed dryer and reverberatory furnace from 600 to 750 tpd;
2. Increase the temperature of the exhaust from the rotary/kiln feed dryer from 330 degrees up to 450 degrees Fahrenheit (F);
3. Increase the amount of coke material (e.g., calcined coke, petroleum coke, or a combination thereof) processed in the rotary/kiln feed dryer and reverberatory furnace from 600,000 to 750,000 pounds per month; and
4. Allow the use of petroleum coke, in lieu of or in addition to calcined coke as a smelting reagent in the reverberatory furnace and electric arc furnace.

As part of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), South Coast AQMD has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) for the proposed project mentioned above. The Draft EIR concluded that there were no significant environmental impacts associated with the permit increase, largely due to the strict emission limitations in place that must be followed regardless of an increase in production. The Notice of Completion, Draft EIR, Frequently Asked Questions, and all supporting documentation are available at South Coast AQMD's CEQA webpage:

<http://www.aqmd.gov/home/research/documents-reports/lead-agency-permit-projects>

Additional information about the Quemetco facility, including a draft copy of the permit is available at:

<http://www.aqmd.gov/home/news-events/community-investigations/quemetco>

Update on Comment Period

The Draft EIR has been released for public review and comment since October 14, 2021 and the comment period is now extended to end on February 15, 2022. Please send any comments relative to the CEQA analysis in the Draft EIR to Kevin Ni (c/o CEQA) via email to kni@aqmd.gov, via facsimile to (909) 396-3982, or by mail to 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765.

For more information, please contact Derrick Alatorre, South Coast AQMD Public Advisor at (909) 396-2432 or email PublicAdvisor@aqmd.gov.

South Coast AQMD is the regulatory agency responsible for improving air quality for large areas of Los Angeles, Orange County, Riverside and San Bernardino counties, including the Coachella Valley.

