Summary
The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) staff petitioned the SCAQMD Hearing Board for its consideration of Orders for Abatement against Aerocraft Heat Treating Co., Inc. and Anaplex Corp. and possible additional facilities doing business in the City of Paramount because of high emissions of hexavalent chromium. The Hearing Board is an independent administrative law panel.

The Petition for Order for Abatement is available for review on the SCAQMD website: www.aqmd.gov/home/regulations/compliance/air-monitoring-activities.

What is an Order for Abatement?
An Order for Abatement requires a company to comply with air quality rules and regulations. The Hearing Board can order installation of air pollution control equipment and provide for a schedule of completion and compliance. In appropriate cases, the Hearing Board may order the shutdown of any source of emissions which violates air pollution laws.

Why did the SCAQMD petition the Hearing Board to issue these Orders for Abatement?
SCAQMD's Petition for Order for Abatement against Anaplex and Aerocraft alleges that they are significant sources of hexavalent chromium leading to unacceptably high levels of monitored hexavalent chromium in the air.
SCAQMD's Petition for Order for Abatement also names DOES 1-100, which are additional companies not yet identified by the SCAQMD doing business in the city of Paramount who may be conducting operations resulting in the emissions of hexavalent chromium.

What is SCAQMD Seeking in the Petitions for Orders for Abatement?
The Petition for Order for Abatement filed by SCAQMD to the Hearing Board seeks to require both Anaplex and Aerocraft to cease any noncompliant operations, to reduce emissions of hexavalent chromium, and to perform mitigation to come into compliance with air quality rules to protect public health.

What will happen at the hearing?
At the hearing, the SCAQMD and each of the named facilities will present their cases related to the Petitions for Order for Abatement. Hearing Board members may ask questions of each side. Public testimony will be taken. At the conclusion of all testimony, the Hearing Board may issue an Order for Abatement, or continue the case for further hearings.

How can I participate?
This legal proceeding is open to the public. You may present oral or written testimony under oath. (Please note: if written material is to be presented to the Hearing Board, eight [8] copies must be submitted to the Clerk of the Board.) Comments also may be emailed to the Hearing Board at clerkofboard@aqmd.gov. The hearing will be live-streamed on our website or may be viewed later at: www.aqmd.gov/home/library/webcasts.

Hearing Board Guidelines
Signs, posters, or bull horns are not allowed in the Hearing Board room.
Spanish translation will be provided.
For more information, please contact the Public Advisor at 909-396-2432 or by email at publicadvisor@aqmd.gov.