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SCAQMD Seeks Administrative Order to Curtail Nuisance Odors from Carlton Forge Works in Paramount

The South Coast Air Quality Management District today filed a petition for an administrative order requiring Carlton Forge Works in Paramount to reduce its persistent odors impacting the community.

“Although Carlton Forge Works has made some changes to its operation, it continues to be a frequent source of odors affecting the quality of life of many Paramount residents and school children,” said Wayne Nastri, SCAQMD’s Executive Officer. “We are seeking this order to facilitate curtailment of the odors as quickly as possible.”

SCAQMD filed its petition for the administrative order, known as an Order for Abatement, with the independent SCAQMD Hearing Board. The Hearing Board is expected to set a date for a hearing within the next few weeks.

Since Dec. 9, 2016, SCAQMD has issued 17 Notices of Violation to Carlton Forge Works for nuisance odors, in violation of the agency’s Rule 402. SCAQMD inspectors have traced odors to the facility’s grinding room and an area near its gates 7 and 8. In addition, the agency issued a violation notice to Carlton Forge Works on May 5 for failure to monitor natural gas fuel lines as required by SCAQMD regulations.

Since early December 2016, SCAQMD has received more than 190 odor complaints from residents alleging Carlton Forge Works as the source of odors, including complaints from individuals at Lincoln Elementary School, located a few blocks from the facility.

In an attempt to reduce its odors, Carlton Forge Works has stopped all outdoor grinding; sealed its grinding building and installed high-efficiency filters on the grinding building exhaust. However, odors have persisted so SCAQMD will ask the Hearing Board to require the facility to take additional steps, including development of a comprehensive odor plan and evaluation of the feasibility of installing carbon scrubbers on all bag houses (used for air pollution control.)

Carlton Forge Works, located at 7743 E. Adams St. in Paramount, manufactures metal alloy rings for the aerospace, industrial and nuclear industries.

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The SCAQMD is the air pollution control agency for Orange County and major portions of Los Angeles, San Bernardino and Riverside counties.