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SCAQMD Seeks Administrative Order to Curtail Hexavalent Chromium Emissions from Lubeco Inc. in Long Beach

The South Coast Air Quality Management District has filed a petition for an administrative order requiring Lubeco Inc. – a metal-finishing facility in north Long Beach – to reduce its emissions of hexavalent chromium.

“As a result of our exhaustive and complex investigations of toxic emissions from metal processing facilities, we have identified Lubeco as a source of elevated emissions of hexavalent chromium,” said Wayne Nastri, SCAQMD’s executive officer. “We are seeking this order to protect the health and safety of residents in this area.”

SCAQMD filed its petition for the administrative order, known as an Order for Abatement, with the independent SCAQMD Hearing Board on Friday. A hearing has been scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 17 at 9 a.m.

The petition alleges that Lubeco’s emissions of hexavalent chromium – primarily those from a heated sodium dichromate tank -- are creating a nuisance in violation of California Health & Safety Code section 41700 and SCAQMD Rule 402. The petition is posted on the SCAQMD’s website at www.aqmd.gov.

Hexavalent chromium is a known human carcinogen associated with an increased risk of cancer from long-term exposure, meaning years to decades.

Lubeco Inc., located at 6859 Downey Ave., is a metal finishing facility that serves the aerospace industry.

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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.