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South Coast AQMD Requests Order to Require Hyperion Treatment Plant to Comply with Permit Conditions

DIAMOND BAR – Today, the South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) filed a petition for an administrative order that would require the Hyperion Water Reclamation Plant (Hyperion) in Playa del Rey to stop violating its permit conditions, or to comply with the conditions.

“As with all the facilities that we regulate, our rules and permit conditions are developed to ensure that equipment are operating with all the necessary requirements that can limit emissions and reduce pollution,” said Wayne Nastri, South Coast AQMD’s Executive Officer. “We are requesting this order to help protect the health and safety of residents in this area.”

South Coast AQMD filed its petition for the administrative order, known as an Order for Abatement, with the independent South Coast AQMD Hearing Board. The hearing is expected to be set for March 9, 2022.

Hyperion is located at 12000 Vista Del Mar, in Playa del Rey and is operated by City of Los Angeles Sanitation & Environment (LA Sanitation). The facility has a permit to operate a flare station consisting of six flares to control gas created by the wastewater treatment process. As part of the facility’s permit conditions, the equipment must limit its release of gas emissions (including Nitrogen Oxides (NOx) which is a precursor to smog). To ensure that these limits are being met, the facility must conduct a source test at least once every five years.

South Coast AQMD has attempted to facilitate the required testing of the flare station. After evaluating the source test reports for four of the six flares, South Coast AQMD determined that at least two flares have exceeded the permitted NOx emission limits. Hyperion was issued a Notice of Violation from the agency on October 8, 2021 for violation of its permit conditions. South Coast AQMD is still seeking the remaining source tests and reports.

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