



South Coast
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SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT FACT SHEET FOR THE EXIDE TECHNOLOGIES PUBLIC HEARING

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Summary

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) staff will present two Proposed Orders for Abatement to the Hearing Board for its consideration. The Hearing Board is an independent administrative law panel. Each Proposed Order will impose conditions on Exide to (1) control the arsenic emissions from its smelting operations and (2) control lead-containing dust emissions during construction activities at its Vernon facility. The Proposed Orders for Abatement are available for review on the SCAQMD website: www.aqmd.gov.

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 any statute or rule.

Why did the SCAQMD petition the Hearing Board to issue these Orders for Abatement?

SCAQMD's first Petition for Order for Abatement alleges that Exide was violating permit conditions and rules based on its failure to fully capture and control gaseous arsenic emissions, primarily generated in its Blast Furnace, and exceedances of the federal allowable standard for lead emissions. SCAQMD's second Petition for Order for Abatement alleges that Exide was violating the lead emission standard by failing to control dust during construction and maintenance activities.

Did the SCAQMD achieve the relief requested in each of the Petitions for Orders for Abatement?

Yes. Exide has been shut down since March of 2014 and will remain shut down under the Proposed Order for Abatement until an upgraded air pollution control system is installed at the facility. In addition, Exide will comply with strict dust control measures during all construction and maintenance activities.

Exide will install a new scrubber, a Regenerative Thermal Oxidizer, HEPA filters, enhanced afterburner and new baghouse. This new system is designed to comply with the SCAQMD's new arsenic emission limit, the lead emission limit and the new negative pressure requirement. In addition, Exide will implement dust control measures during construction and maintenance activities at the facility designed to prevent lead-containing dust from traveling off-site.

What will happen at the hearing?

At the hearing, the SCAQMD and Exide each will explain the terms of the Proposed Orders 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 the Proposed Orders for Abatement as submitted, request changes to the Proposed Orders or schedule the cases for further hearings.

How can I participate?

The hearing is open to the public. The SCAQMD encourages public participation. You may choose to simply attend and listen. You also may choose to testify about your concerns about Exide or the Proposed Orders.