Hixson Metal Finishing Public Meeting

South Coast Air Quality Management District 6/18/2015

The SCAQMD

- Air pollution control agency for all of Orange, and the urban portions of Los Angeles, Riverside, and San Bernardino counties
- 16.8 million people
- Tens of thousands of businesses with air permits



Hixson Metal Finishing

- Located at 817-853 Production Place, Newport Beach
- Conducts anodizing, plating, testing, coating, and painting of parts in the aerospace and defense industries
- Operates up to 24 hours per day, 7 days per week
- Business in operation since 1958



Hixson Metal Finishing



Hexavalent Chromium Emissions from Hixson

- Facility emits hexavalent chromium [Cr (VI)] from roof stacks and from facility-wide 'fugitive' emissions
 - 'Fugitive' emissions are not released through a defined stack; released instead from area-wide activities
- Cr (VI) is known to cause cancer and other non-cancer effects

SCAQMD Offsite Monitoring Data



^{*}Based on 2012-2013 air toxics evaluation in MATES IV study ** Jan-May, North & South monitor, Mar-May, Carden Hall

SCAQMD Recent Activities

			•Inspections (120)	
			•Notice of Viol	ation (5)
	<u>2012</u> •Air Monitoring (2)		•Source Tests (4)	
			•Prop. 65 Notice (1)	
0010	•Inspections (32)		•Order for Abatement	
<u>2010</u> •Air Monitoring (1) •Inspections (5)	•Issue permit to control emissions from scuffing operation		Modifications to equipment and operationsAB2588 HRA	
2011		2013		2015
•Air Monite	•Air Monitoring (2)		oring (2)	•Air Monitoring (8)
•Inspection	Inspections (46)Source Test (1)		s (16)	•Inspections (94)
•Source Tes			perations	•Notice of Violation (2)
•Prop. 65 Notices (2)		control equipment installed		•Draft Risk Reduction Plan (2) 7

2014

•Air Monitoring (7)

Summary of SCAQMD

Compliance Activities

- Over 300 inspections since 2009
- Since 2014, seven Notices of Violation have been issued to Hixson
- In April 2014, SCAQMD staff filed a petition with its independent Hearing Board seeking an Order of Abatement (OA) to control Cr (VI) emissions
 - Facility agreed to OA before Hearing Board decision
 - OA required modifications to facility equipment and operations
 - Monitored levels dropped immediately

AB2588 Activities

- The AB2588 Toxic "Hot Spots" law requires permitted facilities to:
 - Report toxic emissions every 4 years
 - Prepare a Health Risk Assessment (HRA) if emissions are elevated
 - Notify public and reduce emissions if risks are elevated above thresholds
- In April 2014, SCAQMD required Hixson to prepare a HRA and Risk Reduction Plan
- Approved Hixson HRA used recent guidance from state OEHHA that takes into account greater risks to children from cancer-causing pollutants

Hixson HRA Results

- Hixson HRA assumes 2013 emissions level for 30 years
- Maximum residential cancer risk 1,502 per million at residences adjacent to Hixson
- Maximum worker cancer risk 88 per million at business adjacent to Hixson
- Non-Cancer risks are all below thresholds
- Monitored levels of Cr (VI) offsite have dropped ~75% at the North Monitor & ~85% at the South Monitor since 2013
 - Residential risk likely ~350 per million at South Monitor based on today's emissions

Cancer Risk Comparisons



* From SCAQMD MATES IV Air Toxics Study

Residential Cancer Risk Based on 2013 Emissions



Public Notification Process

- Previous public notification outside of AB2588
 - Proposition 65 notices
 - Two issued in 2011 and one in 2014
 - Public notice issued for Order for Abatement
- AB2588 Notification
 - Letter sent to ~7700 addresses
 - Public meeting tonight
 - Annual public notification until risks below threshold
 - Website: <u>http://www.aqmd.gov/home/regulations/compliance/toxic-hot-</u> <u>spots-ab-2588/hixson-metal-finishing</u>

Commitments

Risk Reduction Plan

- SCAQMD Rule 1402 requires risks to be reduced below 25 per million as soon as possible
- SCAQMD will seek a modification of the existing Order for Abatement to incorporate the new Risk Reduction Plan and other measures on an expedited schedule
- Monitoring at adjacent properties and onsite will continue
- Website will be expanded to include updates and more data
- SCAQMD community meeting in six months to update Hixson's status