

BOARD MEETING DATE: August 1, 2025

AGENDA NO. 9

REPORT: Hearing Board Report

SYNOPSIS: This reports the actions taken by the Hearing Board during the period of May 1 through June 30, 2025.

COMMITTEE: No Committee Review

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
Receive and file.

Micah Ali
Hearing Board Chair

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Attached are the following summaries: **May 2025 and June 2025 Hearing Board Cases, and Rules From Which Variances and Orders for Abatement Were Requested from January 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025.** The applicable South Coast AQMD Rules for May and June 2025 are also attached.

There were no appeals filed during the period of May 1, 2025 to June 30, 2025.

Report of May 2025 Hearing Board Cases

Case Name and Case No. (South Coast AQMD Attorney)	Rules	Reason for Petition/Hearing	South Coast AQMD Position/Hearing Board Action	Type and Length of Variance or Order	Excess Emissions
1. Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System Joint Powers Authority (LA-RICS) Loop Canyon Facility Case No. 6234-6 (N. Dwyer)	203(b)	SCE implemented PSPS events across several counties in Southern California. Petitioner approached the 200-hours per calendar year limit of their permits and needs to use their emergency generators.	Not Opposed/Granted	Ex Parte granted commencing 05/02/2025 and continuing for 30 days or until the IV Hearing, which is scheduled for 05/27/2025, whichever comes first.	CO: 14 lbs./day HC: 2.37 lbs./day NOx: 29.47 lbs./day PM: 2.47 lbs./day
2. Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System Joint Powers Authority (LA-RICS) Loop Canyon Facility Case No. 6234-6 (Consent Calendar)	203(b)	SCE implemented PSPS events across several counties in Southern California. Petitioner approached the 200-hours per calendar year limit of their permits and needs to use their emergency generators.	Not Opposed/Granted	IV granted commencing 05/27/2025 and continuing for 90 days (inclusive of ex parte granted on 05/02/2025) or until the RV Hearing which is scheduled for 7/30/2025, whichever comes first.	CO: 14 lbs./day HC: 2.37 lbs./day NOx: 29.47 lbs./day PM: 2.47 lbs./day
3. Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System Joint Powers Authority (LA-RICS) Magic Mountain Link Case No. 6234-7 (K. Manwaring)	203(b)	SCE implemented PSPS events across several counties in Southern California. Petitioner approached the 200-hours per calendar year limit of their permits and needs to use their emergency generators.	Not Opposed/Granted	Ex Parte granted commencing on 05/07/2025 and continuing for 30 days or until the IV Hearing which is scheduled for 05/27/2025, whichever comes first.	CO: 23.80 lbs./day HC: 1.37 lbs./day NOx: 26.09 lbs./day PM: 1.37 lbs./day

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4. Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System Joint Powers Authority (LA-RICS) Magic Mountain Link Case No. 6234-7 (Consent Calendar)	203(b)	SCE implemented PSPS events across several counties in Southern California. Petitioner approached the 200-hours per calendar year limit of their permits and needs to use their emergency generators.	Not Opposed/Granted	IV granted commencing 05/27/2025 and continuing for 90 days (inclusive of ex parte granted on 05/07/2025) or until the RV Hearing which is scheduled for 7/30/2025, whichever comes first.	CO: 23.80 lbs./day HC: 1.37 lbs./day NOx: 26.09 lbs./day PM: 1.37 lbs./day
5. South Coast AQMD vs. Quaker City Plating & Silversmith Ltd. Case No. 5348-2 (J. Lee)	202 1469(h)(3) 1469(h)(4)(A)(iv) 1469(k)(6)	Air pollution control system does not consist of ULPA filters and Respondent has not demonstrated compliance with permit source testing requirements and emissions limits for Tank HTL-POP-1 and Tank HTL-39, as well as the air pollution control system.	Stipulated/Issued	O/A issued commencing 05/14/2025. The Hearing Board shall retain jurisdiction over this matter until 01/30/2026.	N/A

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6. South Coast AQMD vs. Southern California Edison – Pebbly Beach Generating Station Case No. 1262-115 (Consent Calendar)	1470(c)(4)(A)	Stipulated Modified Order for Abatement was sought to assure that operation of the equipment is done in a manner that will minimize and mitigate excess emissions and bring the facility into compliance as expeditiously as practicable.	Stipulated/Issued	Status report given: Stipulated Mod. O/A issued commencing on 05/27/2025. The Hearing Board shall retrain jurisdiction over this matter until 09/30/2026.	N/A
7. Southern California Gas Company Case No. 137-82 (Consent Calendar)	203(b) 1100(d)(3) 1110.2(e)(10) 2004(f)(1) 3002(c)(1)	This RECLAIM facility's three (3) compressor gas lean-burn ICEs must comply with the 11 ppm NOx emission limit in Rule 1110.2.	Not Opposed/Granted	RV granted commencing on 5/18/2025 and continuing through 2/28/2026.	NOx: TBD by 03/31/2026

Acronyms

CO: Carbon Monoxide

HC: Hydrocarbons

IV: Interim Variance

Mod. O/A: Modified Order for Abatement

N/A: Not Applicable

NOx: Oxides of Nitrogen

PM: Particulate Matter

PSPS: Public Safety Power Shutoff

RV: Regular Variance

SCE: Southern California Edison

TBD: To Be Determined

Report of June 2025 Hearing Board Cases

Case Name and Case No. (South Coast AQMD Attorney)	Rules	Reason for Petition/Hearing	South Coast AQMD Position/Hearing Board Action	Type and Length of Variance or Order	Excess Emissions
1. South Coast AQMD vs. Baker Commodities, Inc. Case No. 6223-1 (N. Dwyer, Hsu, D.)	415(f) 415(g) 2004(f)(1) 3002(c)(1)	Third Modified Order to allow Baker to continue operating at the Facility, a collection center for the receipt and short- term storage of raw rendering material within a Permanent Total Enclosure before transportation of the material offsite to a licensed rendering or processing facility.	Stipulated/Issued	Status report given; Third Stipulated Mod. O/A issued commencing 06/18/2025. Pursuant to Conditions 15 & 16, the O/A shall automatically terminate upon Respondent's notification of final compliance to the Hearing Board.	N/A
2. South Coast AQMD vs. Chiquita Canyon, LLC Case No. 6177-4 (K. Roberts, R. Mansell, M. Reichert)	203 402 431.1 1150 3002 H & S Code §41700	Modified Stipulated Order to mitigate conditions that could contribute to potential odors and potential nuisances.	Stipulated/Issued	Status report given; Stipulated Mod. O/A issued commencing 6/24/2025. The Hearing Board shall retain jurisdiction over this matter until 10/31/25.	N/A

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3. Vons Company Inc. #6765 Case No. 6271-1 (S. Pruitt)	203(b)	Vons operates permitted baking equipment that vents to an air pollution control system, including an RTO, which suffered a breakdown at the Vons Facility. The incident was due to an unplanned and non-preventable mechanical failure during a production run. South Coast AQMD was notified within an hour of the breakdown.	Not Opposed/Granted	Ex Parte Variance granted commencing on 6/6/2025 and continuing for 30 days or until final compliance is achieved, whichever comes first.	VOC: 522.08 lbs./day

Acronyms

H&S Code: Health & Safety Code

Mod. O/A: Modified Order for Abatement

N/A: Not Applicable

RTO: Regenerative Thermal Oxidizer

VOC: Volatile Organic Compounds

Rules from which Variances and Orders for Abatement were Requested in 2025

Rules	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total Actions
201		1											1
202						1							1
203				1		1							2
203(a)		1											1
203(b)	4	5	5	6	5	1							26
402			2	1		1							4
415		1											1
415(f)						1							1
415(g)						1							1
431.1				1		1							2
461(c)(2)(B)			1										1
463(d)(3)				1									1
1100(d)(3)					1								1
1110.2(e)(10)					1								1
1128			1										1
1134	1												1
1134(d)(3)	1												1
1147			1										1
1148.1(d)(8)				2									2
1150				1		1							2
1173(m)(1)				2									2
1426		1											1
1469		1											1
1469(h)(3)					1								1
1469(h)(4)(A)(iv)					1								1
1469(k)(6)					1								1
1470(c)(4)(A)					1								1
2004(f)	1												1
2004(f)(1)			1	2	1	1							5
3002				1		1							2
3002(c)(1)	3		2	2	1	1							9
CA H&S §41700			2	1		1							4

SOUTH COAST AQMD RULES AND REGULATIONS INDEX FOR 2025 HEARING BOARD CASES AS OF JUNE 30, 2025

REGULATION II – PERMITS

- Rule 201 Permit to Construct
- Rule 202 Temporary Permit to Operate
- Rule 203 Permit to Operate

REGULATION IV - PROHIBITIONS

- Rule 402 Nuisance
- Rule 415 Odors from Rendering Facilities
- Rule 431.1 Sulfur Content of Gaseous Fuels
- Rule 461 Gasoline Transfer and Dispensing
- Rule 463 Organic Liquid Storage

REGULATION XI – SOURCE SPECIFIC STANDARDS

- Rule 1100 Implementation Schedule for NO_x Facilities
- Rule 1110.2 Emissions for Gaseous – and Liquid-Fueled Engines
- Rule 1128 Paper, Fabric, and Film Coating Operations
- Rule 1134 Emissions of Oxides of Nitrogen from Stationary Gas Turbines
- Rule 1147 NO_x Reductions from Miscellaneous Sources
- Rule 1148.1 Oil and Gas Production Wells
- Rule 1150 Excavation of Landfill Sites
- Rule 1173 Control of Volatile Organic Compound Leaks and Releases from Components at Petroleum Facilities and Chemical Plants

REGULATION XIV - TOXICS AND OTHER NON-CRITERIA POLLUTANTS

Rule 1426 Emissions from Metal Finishing Operations

Rule 1469 Hexavalent Chromium Emissions from Chromium Electroplating and Chromic Acid Anodizing Operations

Rule 1470 Requirements for Stationary Diesel-Fueled Internal Combustion and Other Compression Ignition Engines

REGULATION XX – REGIONAL CLEAN AIR INCENTIVES MARKET (RECLAIM)

Rule 2004 Requirements

REGULATION XXX – TITLE V PERMITS

Rule 3002 Requirements

CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE

§41700 Prohibited Discharges