

BOARD MEETING DATE: June 6, 2025

AGENDA NO. 16

REPORT: Hearing Board Report

SYNOPSIS: This reports the actions taken by the Hearing Board during the period of April 1 through April 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: **April 2025 Hearing Board Cases, and Rules From Which Variances and Orders for Abatement Were Requested from April 1, 2025 through April 30, 2025.** The applicable South Coast AQMD Rules for April 2025 are also attached.

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

Report of April 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. Amazon.com Services LLC Case No. 6267-1 (K. Roberts)	203(b)	SCE implemented PSPSs 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	RV granted commencing on 4/23/2025 and continuing through 12/31/2025.	TBD by 1/31/2026
2. CalPortland Company Case No. 3221-23 (Consent Calendar)	203(b)	SCE implemented PSPSs 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	RV granted commencing on 4/23/2025 and continuing through 12/31/2025.	TBD by 1/31/2026

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3. Chevron Products Company Case No. 831-405 (Consent Calendar)	203(b) 2004(f)(1) 3002(c)(1)	The petition for a short variance and AOC concern required maintenance on important air pollution control equipment at the refinery. The maintenance period is expected to take no more than nine weeks, which is well within the 90-day relief period for which is allowable.	Not Opposed/Granted	SV and AOC granted commencing on 4/7/25 and continuing through 6/9/25.	None
4. Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System Joint Powers Authority (LA-RICS) Case No. 6234-5 (Consent Calendar)	203(b)	SCE implemented PSPSs 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	RV granted commencing on 4/23/2025 and continuing through 12/31/2025.	CO: 3.19 lbs./day NOx: 18.6 lbs./day RHC: 11.34 lbs./day
5. South Coast AQMD vs Chiquita Canyon, LLC Case No. 6177-4 (K. Roberts, M. Reichert & R. Mansell)	203 402 431.1 1150 3002 H&S §41700	The Modified Stipulated Order for Abatement is likely to mitigate conditions that could contribute to potential odors and potential nuisance.	Stipulated/Modified	Status report given; Mod. O/A issued commencing 4/16/25. The Hearing Board shall retain jurisdiction over this matter until 12/31/25.	N/A

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
6. The Termo Company Case No. 3014-23 (Consent Calendar)	203(b) 463(d)(3) 1148.1(d)(8) 1173(m)(1) 3002(c)(1)	Petitioner will be in violation of South AQMD Rules and Conditions by not operating the required vapor recovery while maintenance is being performed on the SoCalGas gas processing equipment located in the Aliso Canyon Gas Storage Facility. With no gas sales capacity, VOC or methane emissions may be released to the atmosphere from the tanks normally under vapor recovery if pressures within the tanks and pipelines exceed the vent setpoints.	Not Opposed/Granted	SV granted commencing on 4/28/2025 and continuing through 5/15/2025.	VOC: 1.6772 lbs./day

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
7. The Termo Company Case No. 3014-24 (Consent Calendar)	203(b) 463(d)(3) 1148.1(d)(8) 1173(m)(1) 2004(f)(1)	Petitioner will be in violation of South AQMD Rules and Conditions by not operating vapor recovery while maintenance is being performed on the SoCalGas gas processing equipment located in the Aliso Canyon Gas Storage Facility Dehydration Station, which will prevent SoCalGas from receiving Termo's produced gas.	Not Opposed/Granted	SV granted commencing on 4/28/2025 and continuing through 5/15/2025	VOC: 0.0647 lbs./day

Acronyms

CO: Carbon Monoxide

N/A: Not Applicable

NOx: Oxides of Nitrogen

OA: Order for Abatement

PSPS: Public Safety Power Shutoff

RHC: Reactive Hydrocarbons

RV: Regular Variance

SCE: Southern California Edison

SV: Short Variance

TBD: To Be Determined

VOC: Volatile Organic Compound

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
203				1									1
203(a)		1											1
203(b)	4	5	5	6									20
402			2	1									3
415		1											1
431.1				1									1
461(c)(2)(B)			1										1
463(d)(3)				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
1173(m)(1)				2									2
1426		1											1
1469		1											1
2004(f)	1												1
2004(f)(1)			1	2									3
3002				1									1
3002(c)(1)	3		2	2									7
CA H&S§41700			2	1									3

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

REGULATION II – PERMITS

- Rule 201 Permit to Construct
- 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 1128 Paper, Fabric, and Film Coating Operations
- Rule 1134 Emissions of Oxides of Nitrogen from Stationary Gas Turbines
- Rule 1147 NOx 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

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