

BOARD MEETING DATE: April 3, 2026

AGENDA NO. 16

REPORT: Hearing Board Report

SYNOPSIS: This reports the actions taken by the Hearing Board during the period of February 1 through February 28, 2026.

COMMITTEE: No Committee Review

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
Receive and file.

Micah Ali
Hearing Board Chair

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Attached are the following summaries: **February 2026 Hearing Board Cases, and Rules From Which Variances and Orders for Abatement Were Requested from February 1, 2026 through February 28, 2026.** A **Rule Index** with the applicable South Coast AQMD Rules and Regulations through **February 2026** is also attached.

There were no appeals filed during the period of February 1, 2026 to February 28, 2026.

Report of February 2026 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. City of Glendale – Glendale Water & Power Case No. 3478-27 (K. Manwaring)	203(b) 1135(d)(1)(B) 3002(c)(1)	GWP requested an emergency variance to perform 20 hours of intermittent tuning on Unit 9 between February 17 and February 27, aiming to return the city's only operable generation unit to service promptly. This immediate action was deemed necessary to restore local dispatchable power, which would have been delayed by standard processing timelines.	Not Opposed/Granted	Ex Parte granted commencing 2/13/26 and continuing for 30 days but no longer than 3/14/26.	CO: 312.32 lbs/day NOx: 323.52 lbs/day
2. County of San Bernardino – Fleet Management Case No. 6070-15 (Consent Calendar)	203(b)	The County of San Bernardino - Fleet Management Department was granted an Ex Parte Emergency Variance on January 9, 2026, for exceeding permit operating limits for an emergency standby generator. The variance was prompted by increased engine runtime due to power outages associated with the September 2024 Line Fire.	Not Opposed/Granted	IV granted commencing 2/3/26 and continuing for 90 days or until the RV hearing scheduled for 3/3/26, whichever comes first.	CO: 0.19 lbs/hr NOx: 0.51 lbs/hr RHC: 0.03 lbs/hr PM10: 0.03 lbs./hr SOx: 0.001 lbs./hr

<p>3. Tesoro Refining & Marketing Company Case No. 4982-139 (Consent Calendar)</p>	<p>203(b) 2004(f)(1) 3002(c)(1)</p>	<p>Tesoro Refining & Marketing Co. petitioned for a variance in Case No. 4982-139 after unavoidable equipment failures in a new boiler and SCR system led to NOx emissions exceeding permit limits. The Hearing Board granted the request to allow the Wilmington refinery to continue operations while expediting repairs and restoring the emission control system to its design efficiency.</p>	<p>Not Opposed/Granted</p>	<p>RV granted commencing on 2/19/2026 and continuing through 6/30/2026.</p>	<p>NOx: 172 lbs/day</p>
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Acronyms

- CO: Carbon Monoxide
- ICE: Internal Combustion Engine
- IV: Interim Variance
- NOx: Oxides of Nitrogen
- PM10: Particulate Matter 10
- RHC: Reactive Hydrocarbon
- RV: Regular Variance
- SOx: Oxides of Sulfur

Rules from which Variances and Orders for Abatement were Requested in 2026

Rules	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total Actions
203	1												1
203(b)	4	3											7
402	1												1
431.1	1												1
1135(d)(1)(B)		1											1
1150	1												1
1153.1	1												1
1420	1												1
2004(f)(1)	1	1											2
3002	1												1
3002(c)(1)	1	2											3
CA H&S §41700	1												1

**SOUTH COAST AQMD RULES AND REGULATIONS INDEX
FOR 2026 HEARING BOARD CASES AS OF FEBRUARY 28, 2026**

REGULATION II – PERMITS

Rule 203 Permit to Operate

REGULATION IV - PROHIBITIONS

Rule 402 Nuisance

Rule 431.1 Sulfur Content of Gaseous Fuels

REGULATION XI – SOURCE SPECIFIC STANDARDS

Rule 1135 Emissions of Oxides of Nitrogen from Electricity Generating Facilities

Rule 1150 Excavation of Landfill Sites

Rule 1153.1 Emissions of Oxides of Nitrogen from Commercial Food Ovens

REGULATION XIV - TOXICS AND OTHER NON-CRITERIA POLLUTANTS

Rule 1420 Emissions Standard for Lead

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