

BOARD MEETING DATE: May 1, 2026

AGENDA NO. 16

REPORT: Hearing Board Report

SYNOPSIS: This reports the actions taken by the Hearing Board during the period of March 1 through March 31, 2026.

COMMITTEE: No Committee Review

RECOMMENDED ACTION:  
Receive and file.

Micah Ali  
Hearing Board Chair

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Attached are the following summaries: **March 2026 Hearing Board Cases**, and **Rules From Which Variances and Orders for Abatement Were Requested from March 1, 2026 through March 31, 2026**. A **Rule Index** with the applicable South Coast AQMD Rules and Regulations through **March 2026** is also attached.

There were no appeals filed during the period of March 1, 2026 to March 31, 2026.

## Report of March 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. Canyon Power Plant Case No. 6264-2 (J. Jones)	203(b) 218.1(b)(4)(C) 2004(f)(1) 3002(c)(1)	Petitioner seeks an extension of their existing variance because the main equipment was offline, making it physically impossible to perform the required triennial testing within the current timeline.	Not Opposed/Granted	MFCD/EXT granted commencing 03/26/26 and continuing through 08/31/26.	None
2. Colton Power, LP Case No. 6167-5 (S. Pruitt)	203(b) 2004(f)(1)	Due to extenuating circumstances related to unforeseen mechanical failure and coordination with the City of Colton, petitioner requests variance relief to operate and conduct testing of Turbine No. 2 after the source test deadline of 3/31/26.	Not Opposed/Granted	Ex Parte EV granted commencing 03/31/26 and continuing for 30 days but no longer than 04/29/26.	None
3. County of San Bernardino – Fleet Management Case No. 6070-15 (Consent Calendar)	203(b)	Due to inclement weather, petitioner lost power from Southern California Edison and had to rely on their emergency generator. Variance is required until 12/31/26 when the 200-hour annual limit resets.	Not Opposed/Granted	RV granted commencing 03/03/26 and continuing through 12/31/26, the final compliance date.	CO: 0.19 lb/hr NOx: 0.51. lb/hr RHC: 0.03 lb/hr PM10: 0.03 lb/hr SOx: 0.001 lb/hr
4. El Segundo Energy Center, LLC Case No. 5097-11 (Consent Calendar)	203(b) 1303(a)(1) 1303(a)(2) 1703(a)(2) 2004(f)(1) 2005(b)(1)(A) 3002(c)(1)	Petitioner will be unable to meet its permitted emission limits for a portion of the required North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) performance testing.	Not Opposed/Granted	SV granted for up to 10 hours between 3/16/2026 and 3/31/2026 or until completion of the NERC testing sequence, whichever comes first.	CO: 15 lb/total for variance period NOx: 215 lb/total for variance period

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5. South Coast AQMD vs. Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority Case No. 5874-2 (Consent Calendar)	1196(d)(1) H&S §41700	Modified and extended Order to allow time for a third-party bidding process to build EV pilot truck.	Stipulated/Issued	Mod. O/A issued commencing 03/03/26; The Hearing Board shall retain jurisdiction over this matter until 12/31/29.	N/A

**Acronyms**

CO: Carbon Monoxide

EV: Emergency Variance

ICE: Internal Combustion Engine

IV: Interim Variance

MFCD/EXT: Modification of Final Compliance Date and  
Extension of a Variance

Mod. O/A: Modification of Order for Abatement

N/A: Not Applicable

NOx: Oxides of Nitrogen

PM: Particulate Matter

RHC: Reactive Hydrocarbons

RV: Regular Variance

SOx: Oxides of Sulfur

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

<b>Rules</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sept</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>Total Actions</b>
203	1												1
203(b)	4	3	4										11
218.1(b)(4)(C)			1										1
402	1												1
431.1	1												1
1135(d)(1)(B)		1											1
1150	1												1
1153.1	1												1
1196(d)(1)			1										1
1303(a)(1)			1										1
1303(a)(2)			1										1
1703(a)(2)			1										1
1420	1												1
2004(f)(1)	1	1	3										5
2005(b)(1)(A)			1										1
3002	1												1
3002(c)(1)	1	2	2										5
CA H&S §41700	1												1

**SOUTH COAST AQMD RULES AND REGULATIONS INDEX  
FOR 2026 HEARING BOARD CASES AS OF MARCH 31, 2026**

**REGULATION II – PERMITS**

- Rule 203 Permit to Operate
- Rule 218.1 Continuous Emission Monitoring Performance Specifications

**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
- Rule 1196 Clean On-Road Heavy-Duty Public Fleet Vehicles

**REGULATION XIII – NEW SOURCE REVIEW**

- Rule 1303 Requirements

**REGULATION XIV - TOXICS AND OTHER NON-CRITERIA POLLUTANTS**

- Rule 1420 Emissions Standard for Lead

**REGULATION XVII – PREVENTION OF SIGNIFICANT DETERIORATION (PSD)**

- Rule 1703 PSD Analysis

**REGULATION XX – REGIONAL CLEAN AIR INCENTIVES MARKET (RECLAIM)**

- Rule 2004 Requirements
- Rule 2005 New Source Review for RECLAIM

**REGULATION XXX – TITLE V PERMITS**

Rule 3002 Requirements

**CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE**

§41700 Prohibited Discharges