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8 **BEFORE THE HEARING BOARD OF THE**  
9 **SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

10 **In The Matter Of**

11 SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY  
12 MANAGEMENT DISTRICT,

13 Petitioner,

14 vs.

15 Electrode Tech Inc., dba Reid Metal Finishing

16 [Facility ID No. 143630]

17 Respondent.

Case No. Case No. 6289-1

**PETITION FOR ORDER FOR  
ABATEMENT**

Date: June 23, 2026  
Time: 9:30 a.m.  
Place: Hearing Board Room  
South Coast Air Quality  
Management District  
21865 Copley Drive  
Diamond Bar, CA 91765

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20 SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT (hereinafter referred to as  
21 “District” or “Petitioner”) petitions the Hearing Board for an Order for Abatement directed to  
22 Electrode Tech Inc. dba Reid Metal Finishing (hereinafter referred to as “Respondent” or “Reid”)  
23 with a facility located at 3110 West Harvard Street, #14, Santa Ana, California 92704. The District  
24 alleges as follows:

25 **Background**

26 1. Petitioner is a body corporate and politic established and existing pursuant to  
27 California Health and Safety Code §§ 40000, *et seq.* and §§ 40400, *et seq.*, and is the sole and  
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1 exclusive local agency with the responsibility for comprehensive air pollution control in the South  
2 Coast Basin.

3 2. Respondent operates a coating and metal finishing facility (Facility ID No. 143630)  
4 located at 3110 West Harvard Street, #14, Santa Ana, California 92704 ("Facility"), within and  
5 subject to the jurisdiction of the District. It conducts chromic acid anodizing.

6 3. There are two schools approximately 110 and 550 feet from the Facility. Mitchell  
7 Child Development Center, located at 3001 W. Harvard Street, Santa Ana, California, serves 200 to  
8 500 children ranging from 0 to 5 years old. Godinez Fundamental High School, located at 3002  
9 Centennial Road, Santa Ana, California, serves approximately 1,700 high school-aged children.

10 4. **District Rule 1469(x)(1)** provides, in relevant part, that the "owner or operator of a  
11 Functional Chrome Plating Facility shall control Hexavalent Chromium emissions from each . . .  
12 Chromic Acid Anodizing Tank that uses Hexavalent Chromium for [] Functional Chrome Plating . .  
13 . by meeting the requirements of subparagraphs (w)(2)(A) and (w)(2)(B)."

14 5. **District Rule 1469(w)(2)(B)** provides, in relevant part, that Chromic Acid Anodizing  
15 tanks shall meet "an Emissions Limitation of 0.00075 milligrams of Hexavalent Chromium per  
16 Ampere-hour or less as demonstrated by conducting a source test."

17 **Reid's Chromic Acid Anodizing Line Violates the Hexavalent Chromium Emission Limit**

18 6. Reid operates a chromic acid anodizing tank with a rectifier (Permit No. G42841).  
19 Chromic acid anodizing Tank 14-10 is vented to a scrubber. Chromic acid anodizing is defined as a  
20 Functional Chrome Plating operation. Chromic acid, which contains hexavalent chromium, is used  
21 in the tank. South Coast AQMD received a source test report for Tank 14-10. The report showed an  
22 emission rate of 0.0014 mg hexavalent chromium/amp-hr, above the limit of 0.00075 mg hexavalent  
23 chromium/amp-hr allowed by Rule 1469(x)(1).  
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25 7. As of the date of this Petition, Respondent has not shown it meets the 0.00075 mg  
26 hexavalent chromium per amp-hr emission limit. Beginning January 1, 2026 and continuing through  
27 the present, Respondent has failed to demonstrate they have operated their coating and metal  
28 finishing facility in compliance with Rule 1469 hexavalent chromium emissions limits. Thus,

1 Respondent continues to violate District Rule 1469(w)(2)(B) and (x)(1).

2 **Prayer for Relief**

3 8. The District, by this petition, seeks an Order for Abatement to require Respondent to  
4 cease operating the chromic acid anodizing tank no. 14-10 in violation of Rule 1469.

5 9. It is not unreasonable to require Respondent to comply with District rules and  
6 regulations.

7 10. The issuance of the prayed for Order for Abatement is not expected to result in the  
8 closing or elimination of an otherwise lawful endeavor, but if it does result in such closure or  
9 elimination, it would not be without a corresponding benefit in reducing air contaminants.

10 11. An Order for Abatement is not intended to be, nor will it act as, a variance.

11 12. An Order for Abatement, upon a fully noticed hearing, will not constitute a taking of  
12 property without due process of law.

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15 Dated: May 29, 2026

SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY  
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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