

WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENT – CASE NO. 6293-1

(Lineage Logistics Abatement Order)

To the Members of the South Coast AQMD Hearing Board:

My name is Victoria. I live in Boyle Heights, about a mile from the Lineage disaster site.

I am submitting this formal written comment to plead that this Board accept the proposed order for abatement ONLY WITH necessary, non-negotiable public health amendments.

While I appreciate that an order is finally on the table, myself and my neighbors fear that this action comes too late.

When the fire first broke out, it was not corporate executives or regulatory agencies on the front lines—it was us. For an entire week, my neighbors and I volunteered tirelessly, distributing air purifiers and aid across Boyle Heights. But as I handed those supplies to families, a terrifying reality weighed on my mind, that an air purifier can filter smoke, but many of these supplies do *nothing* against toxic chemicals that were stored in this facility.

For two months, we have received conflicting, confusing, and dismissive information about the thousands of pounds of regulated hazardous chemicals stored at this facility. For many people in our community, this has been one of the hardest experiences of their lives—filled with moments of fear, stress, health, and stolen peace of mind from an impact they will never get back.

Working families have been denied the most fundamental human right inside and outside of our own homes: clean, safe air.

We have been forced to become our own legal scholars, teaching ourselves administrative codes, rules, and environmental law just to defend our right to breathe. We should not have to fight this hard simply to survive in our own neighborhood. And now we turn to this Board to finally step up and be our advocate alongside us as well.

Right now, corporate lawyers and regulators are asking you to approve a plan that treats a massive chemical disaster like a minor odor inconvenience. But simply hanging

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plastic sheets along walls to deal with odor is negligent in dealing with toxic chemical containment.

I ask you to write four non-negotiable conditions into this abatement order today:

1. Investigator spot checks are not enough. Mandate 24/7 continuous fence-line monitoring for PM2.5, ammonia, hydrogen sulfide, and VOCs, with raw data published live to an open, public dashboard.
2. Implement real site containment now. Mandate sealed, negative-pressure containment tents fitted with active air scrubbers over loading zones before another shovel enters uncontained soil.
3. Bring in state and federal backup. Formally pull in US EPA Region 9 Emergency Response and state emergency units to enforce safety standards and direct hazard mitigation.
4. Write in instant court action for rule violations. Include self-executing triggers ordering immediate action in Superior Court for an injunction and maximum daily civil penalties the moment chemical thresholds are breached.

While we have never quite experienced a disaster of this kind before, with the incineration of massive solar panel arrays and a titanic cold storage facility in an urban area, these are not radical demands. They are common-sense safety measures that this District has already ordered for other communities facing disasters, from Exide to Chiquita Canyon to Sunshine Canyon. Boyle Heights, East LA and beyond deserve that exact same standard of justice today.

This Board possesses the full statutory authority to mandate these protections. I beg you find the courage to use it. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria