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PETITION FOR VARIANCE
BEFORE THE HEARING BOARD OF THE
SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

PETITIONER: Maruchan, Inc.

CASE NO: 6274-2

FACILITY ID: 100808

FACILITY ADDRESS: 15800 Laguna Canyon Road
[location of equipment/site of violation; specify business/corporate address, if different, under Item 2, below]

City, State, Zip: Irvine, California, 92618

1. TYPE OF VARIANCE REQUESTED (more than one box may be checked; see Attachment A, Item 1, before selecting)

INTERIM SHORT REGULAR EMERGENCY EX PARTE EMERGENCY

2. CONTACT: Name, title, company (if different than Petitioner), address, and phone number of persons authorized to receive notices regarding this Petition (no more than two authorized persons).

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3. RECLAIM Permit Yes No

Title V Permit Yes No

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4. **GOOD CAUSE:** Explain why your petition was not filed in sufficient time to issue the required public notice. (Required only for Emergency and Interim Variances; see Attachment A, Item 4)

Maruchan submits that Good Cause exists to grant an Interim Variance because only in the past few days, specifically March 26, 2026, Maruchan learned that due to supply chain issues necessary components to complete its air pollution control system have been delayed and will have a substantial impact on production and the start-up of new lines at its Laguna Plant facility.

As background, Maruchan is expanding its manufacturing facility located on Laguna Canyon Road in Irvine, California. Over the last three years, Maruchan has obtained the necessary permits and has been constructing a new building with new manufacturing equipment. New Fryer Line K (A/N 656676) is scheduled to be operational by 4/15/2026 in order to meet Maruchan's contractual obligations to customers on-time. But, the air pollution control system (A/N 656677) that will serve the fryer line is not expected to be operational by the time Maruchan needs to begin operating the fryer line.

Ship & Shore Environmental is the manufacturer of the air pollution control system and has recently disclosed to Maruchan that completion of the new equipment will be delayed because some of the components ordered from suppliers have not yet arrived. Prior to this recent update from Ship & Shore, the air pollution control system construction appeared to be on-schedule based on its representations to Maruchan. Since the vendor's delays were only disclosed to Maruchan on 3/26/2026, and given the startup date of 4/15/2026 for the fryer line, in order to meet its contractual obligations, Maruchan could not file a variance petition in sufficient time to issue the required public notice and needs more immediate relief through an interim variance.

Maruchan must startup the fryer line by 4/15/2026 in order to meet contractual obligations to third party vendors that have placed orders with Maruchan. If Maruchan cannot meet these obligations on time, it will incur financial and reputational harm. Financial harm will include loss of revenue, penalties for failing to meet contracts, and possibly permanent loss of contracts. Maruchan has built these contracts based on past performance and would suffer reputational harm in its industry if it cannot meet the contractual obligations on-time. To help ensure that these financial and reputational damages are not incurred by Maruchan, the fryer line must be able to operate by 4/15/2026. Maruchan will not be able to meet this startup date if it does not receive an interim variance.

Maruchan is not able to shift the production from the new fryer line to another existing fryer line or another facility. The product to be manufactured in the new fryer line is unique and cannot be made in another fryer line without significant re-tooling and modification of the line. Additionally, Maruchan already has production commitments for its existing fryer lines, and it cannot simply shift the production to a different facility for the same reasons.

For a short variance to be granted, it can take at least 15-days for the Clerk of the Board to process the petition and wait for the public notification process to be completed before Maruchan could expect to receive a hearing and be granted variance relief. If Maruchan waits for a short variance to be granted, it would miss the planned startup date for the new fryer line and will incur the harms described above. An interim variance is Maruchan's only option to get variance coverage in time to avoid these harms.

Maruchan believes there is good cause to grant an interim variance.

5. Briefly describe the type of business and processes at your facility.

Maruchan, Inc. manufactures Japanese style noodles at the Laguna Canyon facility. Raw materials, such as flour and oil are mixed to create wet noodle dough. The wet noodle dough enters the production line and travels through rollers and cutting machines prior to entering a cooker that uses steam produced by the facility's natural gas boilers to cook the noodle dough. The cooked dough is then conveyed through another cutter device that portions the noodles before entering the fryer. Upon entering the fryer, the portioned noodles are submerged in hot palm oil to dehydrate them and prepare for packaging. As the noodles are fried the hot oil bubbles and produces an oil mist that is entrained in the exhaust from the fryer. The oil mist contains particulate matter ("PM10") and volatile organic compounds ("VOC").

Once noodles are dehydrated, they are ready for quality control, packaging and shipment. Noodles are put

into cups or other packaging material with packets of seasoning, combined with other like units, and the larger packages of finished product are then palletized and loaded on to trucks for distribution.

Maruchan operates large flour silos, heated oil tanks, steam boilers, mixers, cutters, cookers, and fryers to manufacture its noodle products. Maruchan also has some printing and packaging operations to prepare the noodle product for distribution.

Maruchan operates a small laboratory where food products are tested in conjunction with small amounts of chemicals for quality assurance purposes.

6. List the equipment and/or activity(s) that are the subject of this petition (see Attachment A, Item 6, Example #1). **Attach copies of the Permit(s) to Construct and/or Permit(s) to Operate for the subject equipment. For RECLAIM or Title V facilities, attach *only* the relevant sections of the Facility Permit showing the equipment or process and conditions that are subject to this petition. You must bring the entire Facility Permit to the hearing.**

Equipment/Activity	Application/Permit No.	RECLAIM Device No.	Date Application/Plan Denied (if relevant)*
Fryer, Line K	656676	n/a	

*Attach copy of denial letter

7. Briefly describe the activity or equipment, and why it is necessary to the operation of your business. A schematic or diagram may be attached, in addition to the descriptive text.

Fryer Line K is responsible for dehydrating cooked noodles, which is an integral step in the manufacturing process. Without a way to dehydrate the noodles, they could not be preserved. Without the use of Fryer Line K, Maruchan cannot manufacture its product to meet contractual obligations.

8. Is there a regular maintenance and/or inspection schedule for this equipment? Yes No

If yes, how often: Every two weeks (planned) Date of last maintenance and/or inspection not yet in operation

Describe the maintenance and/or inspection that was performed.

The new fryer line will be deep cleaned for approximately 5 hours every two weeks. During this time, Maruchan will also conduct any scheduled maintenance. In addition, the fryer line will undergo alkaline cleaning every 6 months. Since Fryer Line K is not yet in operation, no such cleaning has yet been performed. Maruchan expects to complete construction of the fryer line during the week of 4/6/2026, so it can begin operations by 4/15/2026. The cleaning routine will be implemented once operational.

9. List all District rules, and/or permit conditions [indicating the specific section(s) and subsection(s)] from which you are seeking variance relief (if requesting variance from Rule 401 or permit condition, see Attachment A). Briefly explain how you are or will be in violation of each rule or condition (see Attachment A, Item 9, Example #2).

Rule	Explanation
Permit A/N 656676, Conditions #1 and #3.	Condition #1 requires Fryer Line K to be constructed and operated in accordance with the permit application, which includes the use of an air pollution control system. Condition #3 requires Fryer Line K to be vented to a fully functional air pollution control system when in operation. If Maruchan operates Fryer Line K without the air pollution control system, it will be in violation of these conditions.

Rule 203(b)	Requires permitted equipment to operate in accordance with permit conditions specified in the permit. If the fryer line is operated without an air pollution control system, it will be in violation of the permit conditions and this rule.
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10. Are the equipment or activities subject to this request currently under variance coverage? Yes No
11. Are any other equipment or activities at this location currently (or within the last six months) under variance coverage? Yes No
12. Were you issued any Notice(s) of Violation or Notice(s) to Comply concerning this equipment or activity within the past year? Yes No
- If yes, you must attach a copy of each notice.
13. Have you received any complaints from the public regarding the operation of the subject equipment or activity within the last six months? Yes No
- If yes, you should be prepared to present details at the hearing.
14. Explain why it is beyond your reasonable control to comply with the rule(s) and/or permit condition(s). Provide specific event(s) and date(s) of occurrence(s), if applicable.

As detailed above, Maruchan relies on the Laguna Canyon facility to manufacture specific products for its customers that cannot be efficiently produced at other Maruchan facilities in California or elsewhere in the United States. The new fryer line will be dedicated to a new product line, and it would not be possible to manufacture this product in a different fryer line without major disruption at Laguna Canyon facility, or another Maruchan facility, and would further impact the supply chain to Maruchan's customers. Any amount of time that the Laguna Canyon Fryer Line K cannot operate will have serious financial implications to Maruchan, as outlined in this petition. Curtailing operations of Fryer Line K until the air pollution control system is constructed and in full operation will harm Maruchan and its customers and would do irreparable harm to Maruchan's reputation.

Maruchan has been diligent in applying for and obtaining the necessary City and SCAQMD permits for the new equipment and has been engaged in a large-scale construction project to build the new facility expansion, over the last three years. It ordered the air pollution control system in September of 2024 and reasonably expected the air pollution control system to be installed by 4/15/2026 based on the lead time projections given by Ship & Shore, as reinforced with constant communication with the vendor since the order was placed. Maruchan obviously does not have control over the procurement timelines for its vendors, but had a reasonable expectation that the vendor would notify Maruchan if it could not deliver the equipment on-time. Maruchan was until very recently unaware of any delays that would have required it to build-in additional contingencies for its commitments for production in the new fryer line.

On 3/26/2026, Ship & Shore notified Maruchan that six components were not yet received from its suppliers that were necessary to complete construction of the air pollution control system. The components include blowers, condensers, PLCs and VFDs that are either still enroute from suppliers, or that are expected to be shipped in the next week. For any components that have yet to ship, Maruchan has directed Ship & Shore to request expedited shipping, which should allow the components to arrive in a matter of days instead of weeks.

The vendor for the air pollution control system did not communicate these delays in its procurement of the necessary components to complete construction of the air pollution control system until it was too late for Maruchan to change its' commitments to manufacture product in the new Fryer Line K. Upon receiving word from the vendor on 3/26/2026 that construction completion and operation of the air pollution control system would be delayed, Maruchan took immediate steps to petition for a variance.

For these reasons, it is beyond Maruchan's reasonable control to comply with the SCAQMD rules and permit

conditions. The air pollution control system is expected to be in operation within 90 days, so Maruchan is requesting interim and short variances.

15. When and how did you first become aware that you would not be in compliance with the rule(s) and/or permit condition(s)? Provide specific event(s) and date(s) of occurrence(s).

On 3/26/2026, Maruchan was made aware of unavoidable delays to the construction completion for a new air pollution control system that will control PM and VOC emissions from new Fryer Line K. Prior to this notification, Maruchan believed the air pollution control system would be operational by 4/15/2026, when it has committed to begin operating Fryer Line K for production.

16. List date(s) and action(s) you have taken since that time to achieve compliance. That the Petition Form HB-V, and any related instructions, include requirement that the Petitioner include a timeline in suitable, chronological format to address the events, dates, and actions called for by Questions 15 and 16, including the dates of communication with the South Coast AQMD to notify them of the occurrence(s) giving rise to the requested variance.

Maruchan prepared a variance petition as quickly as possible once it was notified by its vendor of the delay to the air pollution control system construction schedule. Maruchan contacted its air quality consultant on 3/27/2026 and a draft variance petition was provided to Maruchan on 3/30/2026. Once reviewed and approved by company management, the final variance petition was prepared and submitted to the Clerk of the Board on 3/31/2026, which is the first day SCAQMD's Clerk of the Board was open during the week to accept petitions.

17. What would be the harm to your business during **and/or after** the period of the variance if the variance were not granted?

Economic losses: \$ ~726,000 per production day, including \$680,000 per day lost for missing production commitments.

Number of employees laid off (if any): 0, but the cost of retaining idle employees (approximately 60-70 employees), including outside vendor technicians from overseas, to ensure Maruchan is ready to operate the new fryer line, is included in the economic losses figure above. The cost to retain these employees is approximately \$10,000 per day for production staff Maruchan trained and cannot lay-off due to the retaining and locating new employees. There is a cost of about \$36,000 per day for the outside third-party vendor technicians responsible for finalizing the new fryer line and resolving any initial operational challenges.

Provide detailed information regarding economic losses, if any, (anticipated business closure, breach of contracts, hardship on customers, layoffs, and/or similar impacts).

See above. Please also note that the reputational harm of missing production commitments to Maruchan's customers cannot be easily quantified, however, the magnitude of economic harm to Maruchan could be significant due to loss of future contracts.

18. Can you curtail or terminate operations in lieu of, or in addition to, obtaining a variance? Please explain.

Fryer line K is not yet in operation; however, it must begin production on 4/15/2026. Maruchan cannot curtail operations for new fryer line K on or after this date because it has contracted to provide products to its customers based on a fixed schedule. Failing to meet these contracts would result in significant economic hardship for the company.

Please note that for the first 30 days of operation, Maruchan only needs to run one 12-hour production shift

per day using Fryer Line K. After 30 days, Maruchan will need to run two 12-hour shifts (24 hours) per day using Fryer Line K to meet its contractual obligation. Maruchan believes the new air pollution control system will be installed within the next 30 days, before it needs to ramp up production; however, Maruchan is seeking a short variance period of up to 90 days in case there are additional delays that are currently unforeseen.

19. Estimate excess emissions, if any, on a daily basis, including, if applicable, excess opacity (the percentage of total opacity above 20% during the variance period). If the variance will result in no excess emissions, insert "N/A" here and skip to No. 20.

Pollutant	(A)	(B)	(C)*
	Total Estimated Excess Emissions (lbs/day)	Reduction Due to Mitigation (lbs/day)	Net Emissions After Mitigation (lbs/day)
VOC	6.46	-0	6.46
PM10	4.18	-0	4.18

* Column A minus Column B = Column C

Excess Opacity: 0 %

20. Show calculations used to estimate quantities in No. 19, or explain why there will be no excess emissions.

The permitted emission factors for Fryer Line K are 0.068 lbs VOC, and 0.044 lbs PM10, per ton of wet noodle dough processed. Based on a maximum daily throughput of 100 tons of wet noodle dough, the maximum daily uncontrolled emissions are 6.80 lbs VOC and 4.40 lbs PM10. The controlled emissions from the fryer line account for the reduction by an air pollution control system, which has a minimum control efficiency of 95% for both pollutants. The controlled maximum daily emissions are 0.34 lbs VOC and 0.22 lbs PM10. The difference between the controlled and uncontrolled emission rates reflects the potential maximum daily excess emissions for each pollutant. No excess opacity is expected from the new fryer line while in operation.

21. Explain how you plan to reduce (mitigate) excess emissions during the variance period to the maximum extent feasible, or why reductions are not feasible.

For the first 30 days of operation, Maruchan only needs to run one 12-hour production shift per day using Fryer Line K. During this time, wet noodle dough throughput will be lower than 100 tons per day, meaning that total (and excess) emissions will be reduced. After 30 days, Maruchan will need to run two 12-hour shifts (24 hours) per day using Fryer Line K to meet its contractual obligations and could process up to 100 tons of wet noodle dough per day.

Other than the reduced operating schedule during the first 30 days of operation, Maruchan is unable to mitigate operations further due to the potential economic losses. Maruchan may be able to complete construction of the air pollution control system within the first 30 days, so it is possible that it will be in compliance by the time it needs to ramp up to full production. It will do everything in its power to get the air pollution control system in operation as soon as possible.

22. How do you plan to monitor or quantify emission levels from the equipment or activity(s) during the variance period, and to make such records available to the District? **Any proposed monitoring does not relieve RECLAIM facilities from applicable missing data requirements.**

During any operating day, Maruchan will track its wet noodle dough throughput. It will multiply this throughput by the corresponding VOC and PM10 emission factors discussed above to calculate daily emissions. It will then subtract 5% of each total to quantify excess emissions. The daily excess emission calculations will be recorded and the records will be submitted to SCAQMD on a weekly basis during the term of the variance.

23. How do you intend to achieve compliance with the rule(s) and/or permit condition(s)? Include a detailed description of any equipment to be installed, modifications or process changes to be made, permit conditions to be amended, etc., dates by which the actions will be completed, and an estimate of total costs.

The air pollution control system permitted under A/N 656677 will be installed and operated to vent emissions from Fryer Line K as soon as possible, pending delivery of the missing components and their subsequent installation. Maruchan believes this could be done as early as 5/14/2026; however, given the possibility of further vendor delays that are out of its reasonable control, the final compliance date could be later.

24. State the date you are requesting the variance to begin: 4/15/2026; and the date by which you expect to achieve final compliance: 7/14/2026.

If the regular variance is to extend beyond one year, you **must** include a **Schedule of Increments of Progress**, specifying dates or time increments for steps needed to achieve compliance. See District Rule 102 for definition of Increments of Progress (see Attachment A, Item 24, Example #3).

List Increments of Progress here:
n/a

25. List the names of any District personnel with whom facility representatives have had contact concerning this variance petition or any related Notice of Violation or Notice to Comply.

Ext. _____

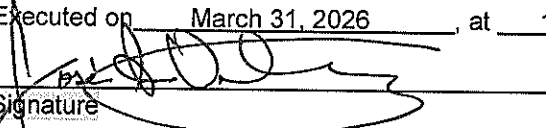
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26. If the petition was completed by someone other than the petitioner, please provide their name and title below.

Bill Winchester Montrose Environmental Solutions, Inc. Principal Scientist
Name Company Title

The undersigned, under penalty of perjury, states that the above petition, including attachments and the items therein set forth, is true and correct.

Executed on March 31, 2026, at 15800 Laguna Canyon Road, Irvine, California



Signature

Title: Senior Operations Manager

Jose Velazquez

Print Name

THIS SECTION IS FOR SMALL BUSINESSES ONLY

27. **SMALL BUSINESS ELIGIBILITY and TABLE III SCHEDULE A FEES:** To be eligible for reduced fees for small businesses, individuals, or entities meeting small business gross receipts criterion [see District Rule 303(h)], you must complete the following:

Declaration For Reduced Fee Eligibility

- 1. The petitioner is
 - a) an individual, or
 - b) an officer, partner or owner of the petitioner herein, or a duly authorized agent of the petitioner authorized to make the representations set forth herein.

If you selected 1a, above, skip item 2.

2. The petitioner is

a) a business that meets the following definition of Small Business as set forth in District Rule 102:

SMALL BUSINESS means a business which is independently owned and operated and meets the following criteria, or if affiliated with another concern, the combined activities of both concerns shall meet these criteria:

- (a) the number of employees is 10 or less; **AND**
- (b) the total gross annual receipts are \$500,000 or less **or**
- (iii) the facility is a not-for-profit training center.

-OR-

b) an entity with total gross annual receipts of \$500,000 or less.

3. Therefore, I believe the petitioner qualifies for reduced fees for purpose of filing fees and excess emission fee calculations, in accordance with Rule 303(h).

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on _____, at _____, California

Signature _____

Print Name _____

Title _____

ATTACHMENT A

ITEM 1

Type of Variance Requested:

- (a) **SHORT:** If compliance with District rule(s) can be achieved in **90 days or less**, request a short variance. *(Hearing will be held approximately 21 days from date of filing--10-day posted notice required.)*
- (b) **REGULAR:** If compliance with District rule(s) will take **more than 90 days**, request a regular variance. If the variance request will extend beyond one year, you **must** include a specific detailed schedule of increments of progress [see Page 8, No. 24] under which you will achieve final compliance. *(Hearing will be held approximately 45 days from date of filing--30-day published notice required.)*
- (c) **EMERGENCY:** If non-compliance is the result of an unforeseen emergency, such as a sudden equipment breakdown, power failure, or accidental fire, you may request an emergency variance. You may request an *ex parte* emergency variance in addition to an emergency variance. **An emergency variance cannot be granted for more than 30 days.** *(Hearing will be held within 2 working days from the date of filing, whenever possible, excluding Mondays, weekends, and holidays.)* **If you request an emergency variance, you must answer No. 4 on page 1.**
- (d) **EX PARTE EMERGENCY:** If variance coverage is required on a weekend or when the Board is not in session, and you cannot wait until an emergency variance hearing can be held, you may request an *ex parte* emergency variance. An *ex parte* emergency variance will be granted or denied solely on the information contained in the petition and the District's response to the petition. Under most circumstances, an *ex parte* emergency variance will remain in effect only until a hearing can be held. **If you request an ex parte variance, you must answer No. 4 on page 1.**
- (e) **INTERIM:** If you require immediate relief (other than for emergencies) to cover the time until a short or regular variance hearing can be held, request an interim variance. If you request an interim variance, you must also request a short or a regular variance on the same petition. *(Hearing will be held approximately 2 working days from date of filing, whenever possible, excluding Mondays, weekends and holidays.)* **If you request an interim variance, you must answer No. 4 on page 1.**

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GOOD CAUSE: The Hearing Board is required to provide public notice of variance hearings, as the public has a right to attend and testify at such hearings. In order for the Hearing Board to hold an Interim, *Ex Parte* Emergency or Emergency Variance hearing without the required public notice, a petitioner must present facts which will support a determination by the Board that "good cause" exists to hear a variance without notifying the public about the variance and providing the public with an opportunity to present evidence concerning the variance.

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Example #1:

Equipment/Activity	Application/ Permi: No.	RECLAIM Device No.	Date Application/Plan Denied (if relevant)*
Tenter frame		D32	
Chrome-plating tank	M99999		
Bake oven	123456		
Create special effects (fog)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Mfg., sale, distribution, use of non-compliant coating	N/A	N/A	12/10/95

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a) If you are requesting relief from Rule 401 and the excess opacity during the variance period will reach or exceed 40%, you should also request relief from California Health and Safety Code Section 41701.

b) If you are requesting relief from a permit condition(s), you should also request relief from the rule requiring compliance with conditions of the permit: 202(a), (b) or (c) - Temporary Permit to Operate; 203(b) - Permit to Operate; 2004(f)(1) – RECLAIM Permit; 3002(c) – Title V Permit.

Example #2:

Rule	Explanation
404(a)	tenter frame is vented to damaged air pollution control equipment
2004 (f)(1) [Condition No. 28-2 of Facility P/O No. 099999]	source test cannot be conducted as required until new ESP is installed
1113(c)(2)	petitioner manufactures and sells clear wood finishes with VOCs in excess of 350 grams per liter
401(a) & California H&S Code Section 41701	Opacity will exceed 45%.

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Example #3:

Sample Schedule of Increments of Progress

- Permit application(s) will be submitted to the District by [date].
- Contracts for the purchase of emission control systems will be awarded by [date].

[YOU MAY ATTACH ADDITIONAL PAGES IF NECESSARY]

- On-site construction will be completed by [date].

(Petition for Variance: Revised February 22, 2011)

English	"If you require a language interpreter in order to participate in the hearing, contact the Clerk of the Board at least five (5) calendar days before your hearing at 909-396-2500 or by e-mail at clerkofboard@aqmd.gov. Specify the case name and number, hearing date, and the language for which you are requesting an interpreter."
Farsi	"اگر برای شرکت در جلسه استماع به مترجم نیاز دارید، حد اقل پنج (5) روز تقویمی قبل از جلسه استماع، با منشی هیئت توسط شماره تلفن 909-396-2500 یا بوسیله نامه الکترونیکی با نشانی clerkofboard@aqmd.gov تماس بگیرید. نام پرونده و شماره آن، تاریخ جلسه استماع و زبانی را که برای آن مترجم درخواست کرده اید، مشخص کنید"
Arabic	"إذا كنت في حاجة لمترجم من أجل المشاركة في جلسة الاستماع، اتصل بكتائب المحكمة قبل موعد جلسة الاستماع بخمسة (5) أيام على هاتف 2500-396-909. حدد اسم ورقم القضية و تاريخ الاستماع واللغة التي تريد في clerkofboard@aqmd.gov 396-909 أو بالبريد الإلكتروني على مترجم لها."
Armenian	"Ունկնդրության մասնակցելու համար, եթե թարգմանչի կարիք ունենաք, նախքան 5 օր ունկնդրությունը, ամենաքիչն ինչ (5) օրացույցային օրից առաջ կապվեք հանձնարարի քարտուղարի հետ, 909-396-2500 հեռախոսահամարով կամ էլեկտրոնային փոստով clerkofboard@aqmd.gov : Նշեք գործի անունը և համարը, ունկնդրության թվականը, և լեզուն, որի համար թարգմանչի էք ցանկանում"
Vietnamese	"Nếu quý vị cần Thông Dịch Viên cho buổi điều trần, xin vui lòng điện-thoại cho Thư Ký Hội Đồng tại số 909-396-2500 trễ nhất là năm [5] ngày, không tính hai ngày Thứ Bảy và Chủ Nhật, trước buổi điều trần hoặc gửi điện thư đến clerkofboard@aqmd.gov. Nhớ ghi rõ tên và số hồ sơ, ngày điều trần, và ngôn ngữ quý vị cần có người để thông dịch."
Chinese	如果你要求翻譯來協助你參加聽證會，請在你的聽證會前至少提前五天（5個日曆日）打電話到909-396-2500或發電子郵件到 clerkofboard@aqmd.gov 與局裏的辦事人員聯絡。並且明確說明你的案子的名稱和號碼，聽證日期，以及你要求的翻譯的語種。
Japanese	公聴会（ヒアリング）に参加するために通訳が必要な場合、少なくとも5日前までに事務局（Clerk of the Board）にご連絡ください。電話でのご連絡は909-396-2500、e-メールでのご連絡は clerkofboard@aqmd.gov までお願いします。その際、案件名（case name）と案件番号（case number）、ヒアリングの日付、通訳が必要な言語を特定して下さい。
Korean	"만약 귀하나 귀하의 증인들이 심리에 참여하기 위해 통역사가 필요하시면, 심리일 5일 전까지 기관부서의 서기에게 909-396-2500으로 연락하시거나, clerkofboard@aqmd.gov 로 연락 하십시오. 통역이 필요하신 사건의 이름, 심리날짜, 그리고 언어를 정확하게 말씀해 주십시오."
Spanish	Si usted requiere un intérprete para poder participar en la audiencia, favor de comunicarse con el Secretario de la Junta cuando menos cinco (5) días hábiles antes de su audiencia al teléfono (909) 396-2500 ó por correo electrónico al clerkofboard@aqmd.gov . Especifique el nombre y el número de su causa, la fecha de la audiencia y el idioma del cual está solicitando el intérprete.
Tagalog	"Kung kailangan ninyo nang interpreter sa Pilipino para makasali kayo sa pagdinig sa kaso, tumawag lang po kayo sa Clerk of the Board sa numero 909-396-2500 or kung hindi mag-email kayo sa email clerkofboard@aqmd.gov . Kailangan na tumawag kayo sa loob nang limang araw (5 days) bago ang inyong hearing date at ibigay and inyong pangalan at case number, araw nang inyong pagdinig sa kaso at inyong gusto na may languahe na interpreter".
Thai	หากคุณต้องการล่ามในการขึ้นศาล ให้ติดต่อเจ้าหน้าที่ ล่วงหน้าอย่างน้อย 5 วันก่อนวันขึ้นศาล โดยติดต่อที่เบอร์โทร 909-396-2500 หรือโดย e-mail ที่ clerkofboard@aqmd.gov ให้บอกชื่อและหมายเลขของคดี พร้อมทั้งวันเวลาในการขึ้นศาล และระบุภาษาที่คุณต้องการล่าม

COPY OF CURRENT SCAQMD PERMITS TO CONSTRUCT

PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT

Granted as of 4/9/2025
ID 100808

**Legal Owner
or Operator:** MARUCHAN INC
15800 LAGUNA CANYON RD
IRVINE, CA 92618

Equipment Location: 15800 LAGUNA CANYON RD, IRVINE, CA 92618

Equipment Description :

Deep Fat Fryer, Line K, OHTAKE Noodle Machine Manufacturing Company, Indirect Steam Heated.

Conditions :

1. Operation of this equipment shall be conducted in accordance with all data and specifications submitted with the application under which this permit is issued unless otherwise noted below.
2. This equipment shall be properly maintained and kept in good operating condition at all times.
3. This equipment shall not be operated unless it is vented to the air pollution control equipment which is in full use and has been issued a valid permit by the Executive Officer.
4. The equipment shall process no more than 2,800 tons of wet noodles in any calendar month.
5. The temperature of the oil in this equipment shall not exceed 350 degrees Fahrenheit (177 degrees Celsius).
6. The operator shall install and maintain a temperature controlling system to accurately indicate the temperature of the oil in degrees Fahrenheit (or degrees Celsius) and to ensure compliance with Condition No. 5.
7. Records shall be maintained to demonstrate compliance with Condition No. 4 on this permit. Records shall be kept in a format acceptable to the South Coast AQMD, shall be retained at the facility for a minimum of two years, and shall be made available to South Coast AQMD personnel upon request.

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PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT

Approval or denial of this application for Permit to Operate the above equipment will be made after an inspection to determine if the equipment has been constructed in accordance with the approved plans and specifications and if the equipment can be operated in compliance with all applicable Rules and Regulations of the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD).

Please notify CHELSIE CEBALLOS at (909) 396 - 3502 when construction of equipment is complete.

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By _____

JASON ASPELL
DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT

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ID 100808

**Legal Owner
or Operator:** MARUCHAN INC
15800 LAGUNA CANYON RD
IRVINE, CA 92618

Equipment Location: 15800 LAGUNA CANYON RD, IRVINE, CA 92618

Equipment Description :

Air Pollution Control System (APCS) consisting of:

1. Three Blowers (F1, F2, F3), Forced Draft, 20 HP Each.
2. Three Horizontal Knock Out Tanks (T-1, T-2, T-3), 150 Gallon Capacity Each.
3. Three Condensers (HEX-1, HEX-2, HEX-3), Water Cooled, Radiator Coil, 4.67 MMBtu/hr Capacity Each.
4. Cooling Tower, Crossflow Type, 750 GPM Water Flow Rate (Rule 219 Exempt).
5. Three Blowers (F4, F5, F6), Induced Draft, 60 HP Each.
6. Knock Out Tank (T-4), 500 Gallon Capacity.
7. Parallel Filter Housing, Ship and Shore Environmental, Each Housing with a Total of Three (3) Filter Layers, including Two (2) Coconut Husk Filters and One (1) Activated Carbon Filter. Each Filter Layer is 7'-8" W. x 7'-8" L. x 2'-2" D.

Conditions :

1. Operation of this equipment shall be conducted in accordance with all data and specifications submitted with the application under which this permit is issued unless otherwise noted below.
2. This equipment shall be properly maintained and kept in good operating condition at all times.
3. This equipment shall be in full operation whenever the equipment it is serving is in operation.
4. The operator shall use this equipment in such a manner that the differential pressure being monitored, as indicated below, is maintained between 3.6 and 12.6 inches water column.
5. The operator shall install and maintain a differential pressure gauge to accurately indicate the differential pressure across the filters.

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6. The owner or operator of this equipment shall conduct an initial source test to test the particulate matter (PM) and volatile organic compound (VOC) control efficiency. The source test shall be conducted within 90 days after initial start-up of the final equipment constructed under Application Nos. 656673, 656674, and 656676 or within 180 days after receipt of this permit, whichever is later, and under the following conditions:
 - A. A source test protocol shall be submitted to the South Coast AQMD (addressed to the South Coast AQMD, Attn: Chelsie Ceballos, Engineering & Permitting, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765). The source test protocol shall be approved in writing by the South Coast AQMD before the test commences. The test protocol shall include the completed South Coast AQMD Forms ST-1 and ST-2 specifying the proposed operating conditions of the equipment during the test, identity of the testing laboratory, a statement from the testing laboratory certifying it meets the criteria in South Coast AQMD Rule 304(k), and a description of the sampling and analytical procedures to be used.
 - B. The source test protocol shall be submitted no later than 60 days prior to the scheduled source test.
 - C. The test shall be performed by a testing laboratory certified by the California Air Resources Board or South Coast AQMD Laboratory Approval Program (LAP) in the required test methods for criteria pollutant(s) to be measured, and in compliance with South Coast AQMD Rule 304 (No Conflict of Interest).
 - D. Written notice of the source test shall be submitted to the South Coast AQMD at least 14 days prior to testing so that an observer may be present.
 - E. The source test shall be conducted while all the equipment under Application Nos. 656673, 656674, and 656676 is in operation simultaneously.
7. The source test shall consist of, but may not be limited to, a test of the APCS when the equipment it serves is in operation and processing at maximum process rate for:
 - A. VOC emissions (uncontrolled and controlled), in lb/hr and ppmv
 - B. VOC overall control efficiency
 - C. PM emissions (uncontrolled and controlled), in lb/hr and ppmv
 - D. PM overall control efficiency
 - E. Material throughput, in lb/hr
8. Two complete copies of the source test report shall be submitted to the South Coast AQMD (addressed to the South Coast AQMD, Attn: Chelsie Ceballos, Engineering & Permitting, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765) within 60 days after the source test date unless otherwise approved in writing by the Executive Officer. The source test report shall contain, at a minimum, all testing data required by this permit. A copy of the source test report shall be kept on file and shall be made available to South Coast AQMD personnel upon request.
9. Sampling facilities shall comply with South Coast AQMD guidelines for construction of sampling and testing facilities, pursuant to Rule 217.
10. Records shall be maintained to demonstrate compliance with the conditions on this permit. Records shall be kept in a format acceptable to the South Coast AQMD, shall be retained at the facility for a minimum of two years, and shall be made available to South Coast AQMD personnel upon request.

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COPY OF PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT EXTENSION REQUEST AND APPROVAL LETTERS



maruchan, inc.

February 5, 2026

Chelsie Ceballos
Air Quality Engineer II
South Coast Air Quality Management District
21865 Copley Drive
Diamond Bar, CA 91765

**Subject: Request for Extension of Permits to Construct
Maruchan, Inc. (SCAQMD FID 100808)**

Dear Ms. Ceballos,

Maruchan, Inc. (Maruchan) is submitting this request to the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) to extend the Permits to Construct listed below:

SCAQMD APPLICATION NUMBER	EQUIPMENT TYPE	PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT EXPIRATION DATE	PROPOSED PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT EXTENDED EXPIRATION DATE
655176	Boiler 12	3/5/2026	3/5/2027
655177	Boiler 13	3/5/2026	3/5/2027
655178	Boiler 14	3/5/2026	3/5/2027
655179	Boiler 15	3/5/2026	3/5/2027
655180	Boiler 16	3/5/2026	3/5/2027
655181	Boiler 17	3/5/2026	3/5/2027
656673	Fryer Line H	4/9/2026	4/9/2027
656674	Fryer Line J	4/9/2026	4/9/2027
656676	Fryer Line K	4/9/2026	4/9/2027
656677	APCS	4/9/2026	4/9/2027
656678	Flour Silo A	4/9/2026	4/9/2027
656679	Flour Silo B	4/9/2026	4/9/2027
656680	Flour Silo C	4/9/2026	4/9/2027
656681	Flour Silo D	4/9/2026	4/9/2027

Maruchan is still in the process of constructing its new building as an expansion to SCAQMD Facility ID 100808. Currently, the building foundation and shell are complete, and equipment construction is underway and at various stages of completion, as described below.

Boilers 12-17

The new boilers are installed on the pads, with exhaust stacks completed. Maruchan is completing piping and electrical connections over the next month and a half. The anticipated construction completion and initial operating date for the boilers is 3/27/2026. Maruchan requests a permit extension to 3/5/2027 for each of the new boilers; however, a shorter period would be acceptable given the construction status and anticipated operating date.

Fryer Line K

One of the new fryer lines has been installed in the building, with exhaust ducts to the roof completed, but pending connection to the APCS. Maruchan is completing exhaust duct connections to the APCS, and remaining piping and electrical connections over the next two months. The anticipated construction completion and initial operating date for Fryer Line K is between 4/1/2026 and 4/15/2026. It will not be operated until the APCS is constructed and fully operational. Maruchan requests a permit extension to 4/9/2027 for Fryer Line K; however, a shorter period would be acceptable given the construction status and anticipated operating date.



maruchan, inc.

APCS

The APCS construction is underway and is expected to be completed before the end of March 2026. The anticipated construction completion and initial operating date for the APCS is 3/31/2026. Maruchan requests a permit extension to 4/9/2027 for the new APCS; however, a shorter period would be acceptable given the construction status and anticipated operating date.

Flour Silos A-B

Two of the new flour silos are installed adjacent to the building. Maruchan is completing pneumatic system connections for the internal flour conveyance, and remaining piping and electrical connections over the next two months. The anticipated construction completion and initial operating date for Flour Silos A and B is between 4/1/2026 and 4/15/2026. Maruchan requests a permit extension to 4/9/2027 for Flour Silos A and B; however, a shorter period would be acceptable given the construction status and anticipated operating date.

Fryer Line J

This fryer line has been purchased, and the required foundations have been laid in the building to accommodate the new equipment. Maruchan is currently confirming the delivery schedule for the equipment, but physical construction of the equipment has not yet commenced on-site. The construction completion date is currently uncertain pending delivery of the equipment to the facility but is anticipated by late 2026 or early 2027. Maruchan requests a permit extension to 4/9/2027 for Fryer Line J, to allow sufficient time to complete construction of the equipment.

Fryer Line H

This fryer line has not yet been purchased; however, the required foundations have been laid in the building to accommodate the new equipment. Maruchan plans to order this equipment before the end of 2026. Maruchan requests a permit extension to 4/9/2027 for Fryer Line H, to continue construction of the equipment; an additional extension may be requested in 2027 to allow for sufficient time to complete construction of the equipment.

Flour Silos C-D

These silos have not yet been purchased; however, the required foundations have been laid adjacent to the building to accommodate the new equipment. Maruchan plans to order this equipment before the end of 2026. Maruchan requests a permit extension to 4/9/2027 for Flour Silos C and D, to continue construction of the equipment; an additional extension may be requested in 2027 to allow for sufficient time to complete construction of the equipment.

Maruchan greatly appreciates SCAQMD's consideration of its request to extend its permits. It is important to note that the construction of a modern manufacturing facility is complicated and may take many years to complete. Although Maruchan has not yet purchased some of the equipment, it has designed its new building and utilities deliberately to accommodate the new equipment, which reflects a significant investment by Maruchan. Furthermore, there have been no changes to SCAQMD rules or regulations affecting this equipment. For these reasons, Maruchan believes that permit extensions are justified and appropriate.

Please let me know if you have any questions or require any additional information. Thank you very much.

Best Regards,
Maruchan, Inc.

Nobuhito Yamamoto
Plant Manager



South Coast Air Quality Management District

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February 6, 2026

Nobuhito Yamamoto
Plant Manager
Maruchan, Inc.
15800 Laguna Canyon Road
Irvine, CA 92618

Subject: Extension of Permits to Construct for Application Nos. 655176 – 655181, 656673 – 656674, 656676 – 656681 located at Maruchan, Inc. (Facility ID 100808)

Dear Mr. Yamamoto,

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) has received your request dated February 5, 2026, and addressed to Ms. Chelsie Ceballos, Air Quality Engineer, for an extension to your Permits to Construct for six boilers, three deep fat fryers, an APCS, and four storage silos under the applications stated above. The Permits to Construct were granted on March 5, 2025 for the equipment under A/N 655176 – 655181 and April 9, 2025 for the equipment under A/N 656673 – 656674, 656676 – 656681. Pursuant to Rule 205, the Permits to Construct expire one year from the date of issuance unless an extension has been approved by the Executive Officer.

Based on the information provided in your request, your request for this extension is hereby approved. Please be advised that the Permits to Construct have been extended to March 5, 2027 for the equipment under A/N 655176 – 655181 and April 9, 2027 for the equipment under A/N 656673 – 656674, 656676 – 656681.

It should be noted that if construction and installation is not complete by the extended dates stated above, any further extension requests will only be considered if substantial progress has been made beyond the previously stated increments to justify the extension period. This request shall be submitted in writing to Chelsie Ceballos at cceballos@aqmd.gov. During this extension period, all permit conditions listed on the original permit shall remain in full effect and shall be complied with.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Chelsie Ceballos, Air Quality Engineer at (909) 396-3502 or Mr. Christopher Gill, Senior Air Quality Engineer at (909) 396-2419.

Sincerely,

Shannon Lee

Shannon Lee, P.E.
Senior Air Quality Engineering Manager
Engineering and Permitting
Mechanical/Chemical/Energy

cc: Office of Compliance & Enforcement
SL:ED:CG:cc

SCAQMD RULE 203

(Adopted January 9, 1976)(Amended January 5, 1990)(Amended December 3, 2004)

RULE 203. PERMIT TO OPERATE

- (a) A person shall not operate or use any equipment or agricultural permit unit, the use of which may cause the issuance of air contaminants, or the use of which may reduce or control the issuance of air contaminants, without first obtaining a written permit to operate from the Executive Officer or except as provided in Rule 202.
- (b) The equipment or agricultural permit unit shall not be operated contrary to the conditions specified in the permit to operate.