South Coast Air Quality Management District



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#### HYBRID STATIONARY SOURCE COMMITTEE MEETING **Committee Members**

Mayor Pro Tem Larry McCallon, Committee Chair Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell, Committee Vice Chair Chair Vanessa Delgado Vice Chair Michael A. Cacciotti Supervisor Curt Hagman Board Member Veronica Padilla-Campos

June 20, 2025 **\*** 10:30 a.m.

# **TELECONFERENCE LOCATION**

Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration Office of Senator (Ret.) Vanessa Delgado 500 W. Temple Street HOA Conference Room 372 Los Angeles, CA 90012

944 South Greenwood Ave. Montebello, CA 90640

A meeting of the South Coast Air Quality Management District Stationary Source Committee will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, June 20, 2025, through a hybrid format of in-person attendance in the Dr. William A. Burke Auditorium at the South Coast AQMD Headquarters, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, California, and remote attendance via videoconferencing and by telephone. Please follow the instructions below to join the meeting remotely.

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# **CALL TO ORDER**

# **ROLL CALL**

#### **ACTION ITEM (Item 1)**

1.	Authorize Executive Officer to Negotiate and Execute MOU (1	0 mins)	Walter Shen
	with County of Riverside Transportation Department for	,	Director
	Assembly Bill 617 Eastern Coachella Valley Paving Projects		Community,
	and Reimburse County of Riverside Transportation Department		Engagement
	for Administrative Costs		Programs
	(Motion Requested)		-

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# **INFORMATIONAL ITEM (Item 2)**

2. Update on Proposed Amended Rules 223 (Requirements for (20 mins) Confined Animal Facilities, 445 (Wood Burning Devices), 1133 series (Composting, Chipping and Grinding, and Related **Operations), and 1138 (Emissions from Restaurant Operations)** (No Motion Required) Staff will provide a summary of minor amendments to these four rules to comply with Clean Air Act requirements. (Written Material Attached)

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Sarah Rees

Deputy Executive Officer Planning, Rule Development and Implementation

#### WRITTEN REPORTS (Items 3-5)

3. Monthly Permitting Enhancement Program (PEP) Update (*No Motion Required*) This report is a monthly update of staff's PEP implementation efforts for the previous month. (*Written Material Attached*)

4. Monthly Update of Staff's Work with U.S. EPA and CARB on New Source Review Issues for the Transition of RECLAIM Facilities to a Command-and-Control Regulatory Program (No Motion Required)

This is a monthly update on staff's work with U.S. EPA and CARB regarding New Source Review issues related to the RECLAIM transition. *(Written Material Attached)* 

5. Notice of Violation Penalty Summary (*No Motion Required*)

This report provides the total penalties settled in May 2025 which includes Civil, Supplemental Environmental Projects, Mutual Settlement Assessment Penalty Program, Hearing Board and Miscellaneous. *(Written Material Attached)* 

# **OTHER MATTERS**

# 6. Other Business

Any member of the Committee, or its staff, on his or her own initiative or in response to questions posed by the public, may ask a question for clarification, may make a brief announcement or report on his or her own activities, provide a reference to staff regarding factual information, request staff to report back at a subsequent meeting concerning any matter, or may take action to direct staff to place a matter of business on a future agenda. (Gov't. Code Section 54954.2)

# 7. Public Comment Period

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8. Next Meeting Date: Friday, August 15, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.

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Jason Aspell Deputy Executive Officer Engineering and Permitting

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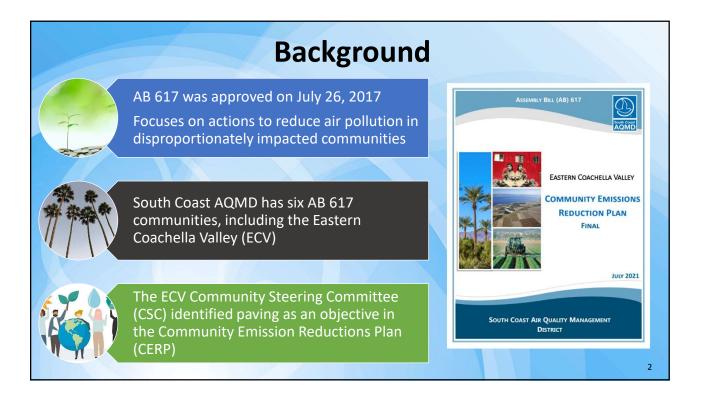
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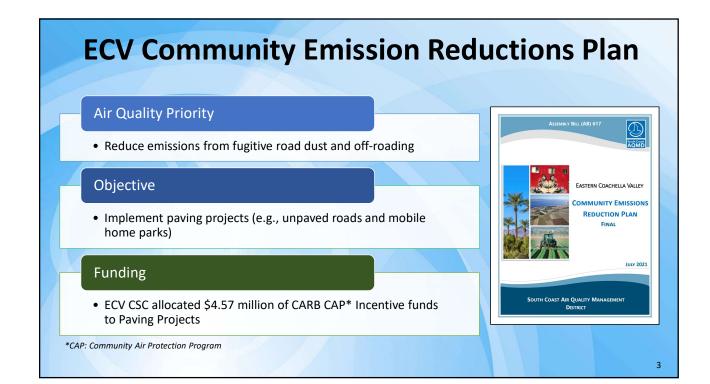
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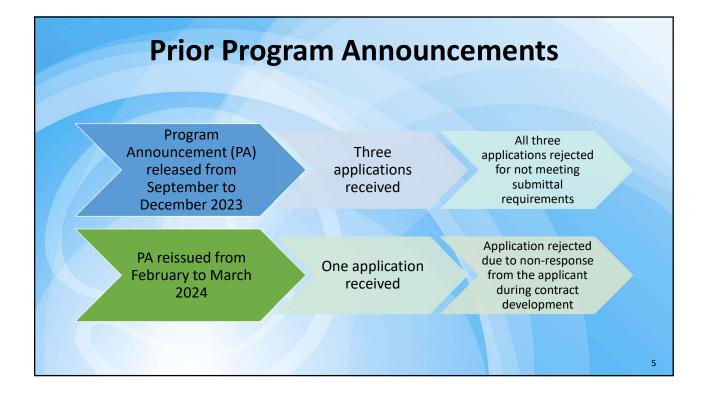
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# **Recommended Actions**

Authorize the Executive Officer to negotiate and execute MOU with the County of Riverside Transportation Department to implement paving projects in ECV

Appropriate an amount up to \$4.57 million CAP AB 134 Fund (77) to spend towards the implementation of paving projects with the County of Riverside Transportation Department

Authorize the Executive Officer to reimburse County of Riverside Transportation Department a total amount not to exceed \$4.57 million, including up to 25 percent for administrative costs and up to 10 percent for contingency costs

# BOARD MEETING DATE: August 1, 2025

AGENDA NO.

PROPOSAL: Authorize Executive Officer to Negotiate and Execute MOU with County of Riverside Transportation Department for Assembly Bill 617 Eastern Coachella Valley Paving Projects and Reimburse County of Riverside Transportation Department for Administrative Costs

SYNOPSIS: Through community-led participatory budgeting workshops in 2021, the Assembly Bill 617 (AB 617) Eastern Coachella Valley (ECV) Community Steering Committee prioritized \$4.57 million in Year 3 Community Air Protection Incentive funding for implementation of paving projects within the ECV community. The County of Riverside Transportation Department is qualified to implement paving projects in the AB 617 ECV community. South Coast AQMD will partner with the County of Riverside Transportation Department through an MOU agreement to initiate the paving projects. These actions are to: 1) authorize the Executive Officer to negotiate and execute an MOU with the County of Riverside Transportation Department to pave prioritized properties in ECV; (2) appropriate up to \$4.57 million from the Community Air Protection AB 134 Fund (77) to spend towards the implementation of paving projects in ECV; and (3) reimburse the County of Riverside Transportation Department for construction, administrative and contingency costs.

# COMMITTEE: Stationary Source Committee, June 20, 2025; Recommended for Approval

# **RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:**

- 1. Authorize the Executive Officer to negotiate and execute an MOU with the County of Riverside Transportation Department to implement paving projects in ECV;
- Appropriate up to \$4.57 million from the Community Air Protection AB 134 Fund (77) to spend towards the implementation of paving projects in ECV; and
- Authorize the Executive Officer to reimburse the County of Riverside Transportation Department a total amount not to exceed \$4.57 million from Community Air Protection AB 134 Fund (77) to spend towards implementation of

paving projects, including up to twenty-five percent (25%) of the total project cost for Project Documents, Project Advertisement and Contract Awarding, Construction Administration and Performance Monitoring and Reporting, and up to ten percent (10%) of the total project cost will be budgeted for contingency costs (i.e., unforeseen costs such as material acquisition, inflation, construction cost overrun, etc.).

> Wayne Nastri Executive Officer

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# Background

Assembly Bill (AB) 617 was signed into California state law in July 2017 and focuses on improving air quality and reducing exposure to criteria air pollutants and toxic air contaminants in communities most impacted by air pollution. AB 617 recognizes these disproportionate impacts and seeks to address this through community-driven actions focused on developing and implementing Community Emission Reductions Plans (CERPs) and Community Air Monitoring Plans.

Since 2018, CARB has designated six AB 617 communities within South Coast AQMD's jurisdiction. As directed by AB 617, South Coast AQMD worked with each community to develop a CERP under the guidance of their respective Community Steering Committee (CSC). Each CSC is comprised of residents, community-based organizations, schools, public agencies, businesses, and other relevant community stakeholders. Each CSC identifies their top air quality concerns and actions to address them in their respective CERPs.

Eastern Coachella Valley (ECV) was designated as a South Coast AQMD AB 617 community in 2019. During the CERP development process, one of the community priorities expressed by CSC members was emissions from PM10 from unpaved roadways. Wind gusts and vehicular activities on unpaved roadways are major sources of fugitive dust, which primarily consists of PM10.

In 2021, through community-led participatory budget working team meetings, the ECV CSC prioritized \$4.57 million in Community Air Protection (CAP) incentive funds for implementing paving projects in the ECV community. In collaboration with the ECV Budget Working Team, staff developed the Paving Project Plan which was approved by CARB in October 2022. The Paving Project Plan was subsequently revised by CARB in April 2025 to incorporate modifications in administrative costs and provisions to allow South Coast AQMD to use alternative procedures, such as executing an MOU, if no

applications were received via the public solicitation process, or applications received do not result in an executed contract.

South Coast AQMD released Program Announcements PA2024-01 and PA2024-01R in September 2023 and February 2024, respectively, to solicit applications to implement paving projects in the ECV community. Applications received were rejected either due to non-compliance with submittal requirements or non-cooperation of the applicant during the contract development process and no contracts were issued.

# Proposal

Staff is seeking Board approval to collaborate with the County of Riverside Transportation Department on an MOU for an amount up to \$4.57 million from the CAP incentive funds to implement road paving projects in the ECV community. The County of Riverside Transportation Department will be responsible for administering and overseeing the paving projects' implementation including hiring road paving contractors and obtaining necessary paving property documentation. South Coast AQMD will make payments on a reimbursement basis to the County of Riverside Transportation Department throughout the duration of the paving project until the project funding has been depleted, or the project has been terminated. Also, the CAP Program Guidelines allow project costs up to 25% of the funds for non-construction costs, including permitting, design, and administration, and up to 10% may be budgeted for contingency costs, supported by appropriate documentation. These costs are included as part of the \$4.57 million allocated by the ECV community for the implementation of paving projects. The MOU will require the County of Riverside Transportation Department to submit monthly project reports summarizing the paving project implementation status.

Lastly, based upon the demand and spending down of the allocated amount of \$4.57 million for road paving projects, staff may seek Board approval for subsequent funding on additional road paving projects in the ECV community.

# **Benefits to South Coast AQMD**

Emissions of PM10 from unpaved roadways was one of the major community priorities expressed by the ECV community. Paving unpaved roadways will reduce PM10 emissions from these sources within the ECV community and will improve public health.

# **Resource Impacts**

Sufficient funding is available for the implementation of paving projects within the ECV community and will be provided by Community Air Protection AB 134 Fund (77).



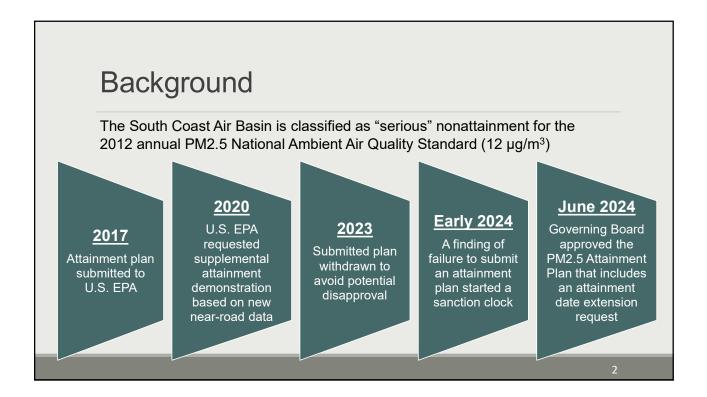
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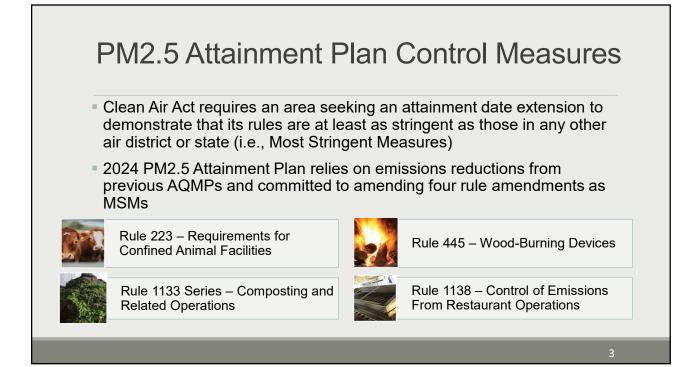
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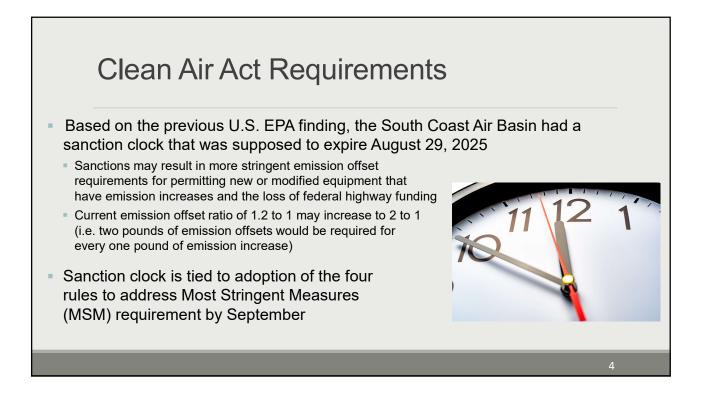
**Proposed Amended Rule 1133 Series –** PAR 1133 – Emission Reductions from Direct Land Application PAR 1133.1 – Chipping and Grinding Operations PAR 1133.2 – Emission Reductions from Co-Composting Operations PAR 1133.3 – Emission Reductions from Composting Operations

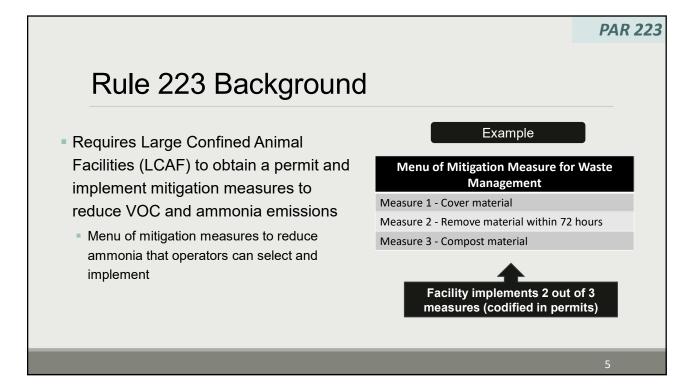
Proposed Amended Rule 1138 – Control of Emissions from Restaurant Operations

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# Proposed Rule 223 Amendments

- Lowers the applicability thresholds for a Large Confined Animal Facility
  - Applies to dairy, poultry, and duck farms
  - Thresholds align with other air districts
- Requires LCAFs to obtain a Permit and implement mitigation measures
  - Submit permit application by Jan 2027
  - Obtain Permit to Operate by Jan 2029

Livestock category	Existing LCAF Threshold	Proposed LCAF Threshold
Dairy	1,000 milk- producing dairy cows	500 milking cows
Chicken	650,000 chickens other than laying hens; or 650,000 laying hens	400,000 chickens
Duck	650,000 ducks	400,000 ducks

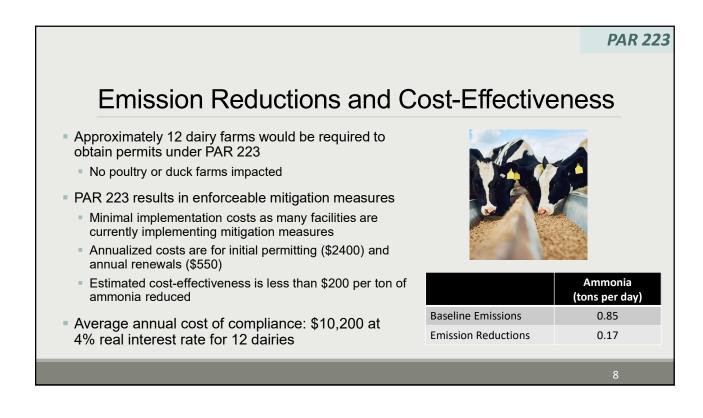
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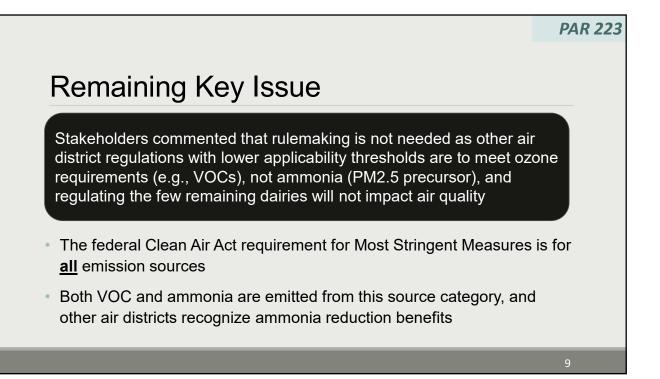
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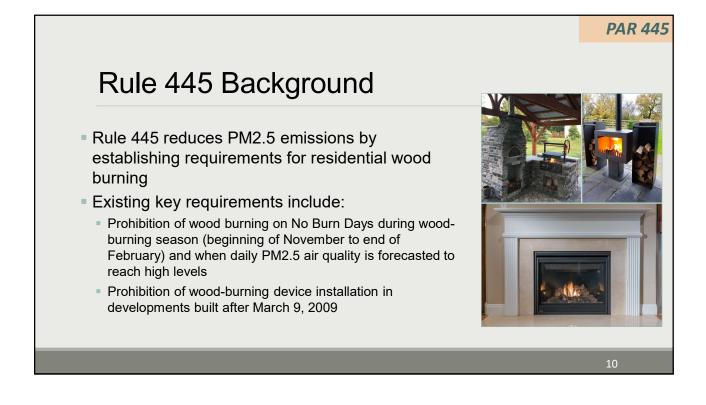
# Proposed Rule 223 Amendments (con't)

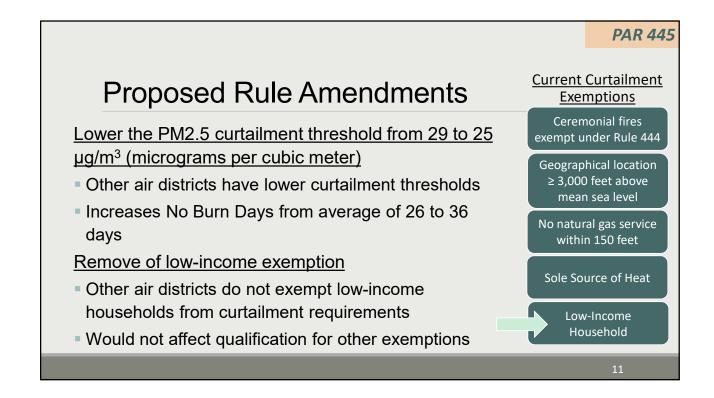
- Stakeholders requested compliance date extension for facilities that plan to change operation in future
- Providing a notification option in lieu of permit application for dairies planning to cease operations or reduce throughput prior to 2029
  - Facilities that notify would not need to submit a permit application

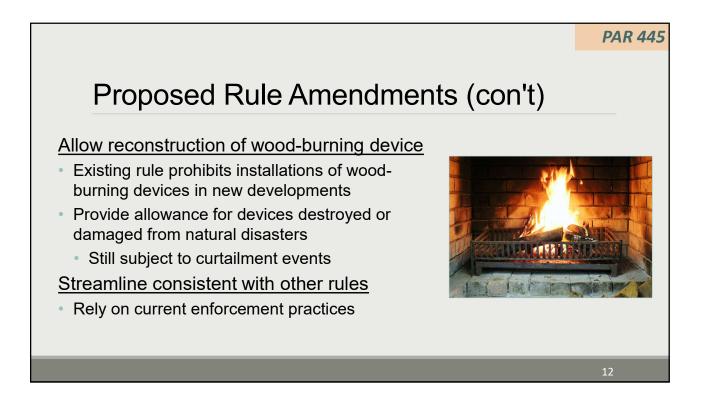
	Proposed Compliance Date	Proposed Requirements	Alternative Compliance Pathway
	January 1, 2027	Submit permit application	Notify intent to cease operation or reduce throughput
)	January 1, 2029	Obtain permit to operate	Cease operations or remain under 500 cows
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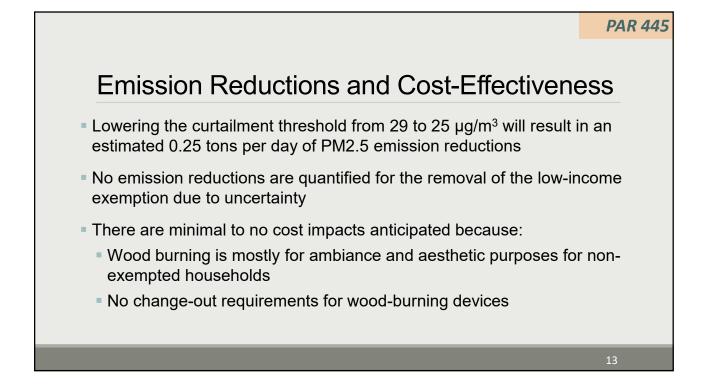


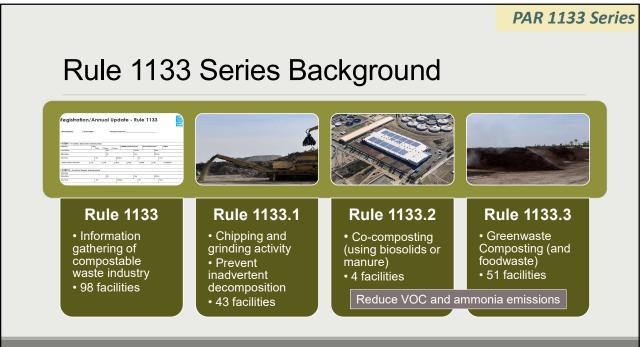


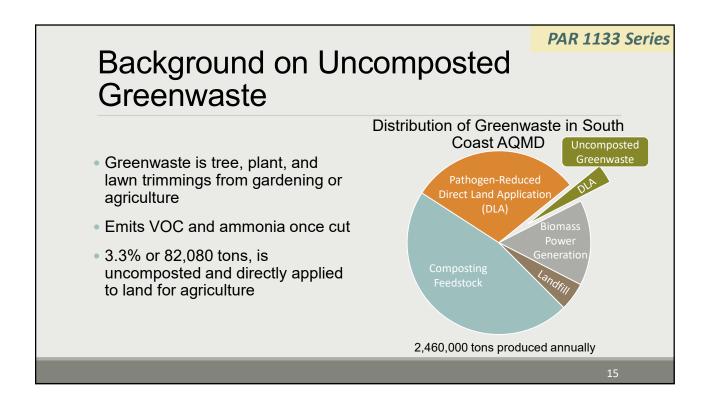




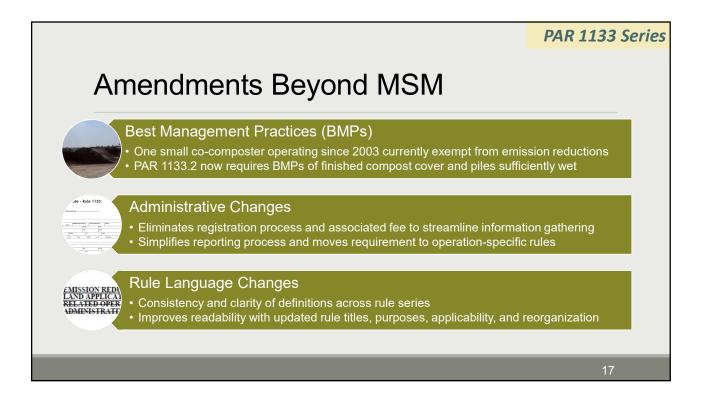




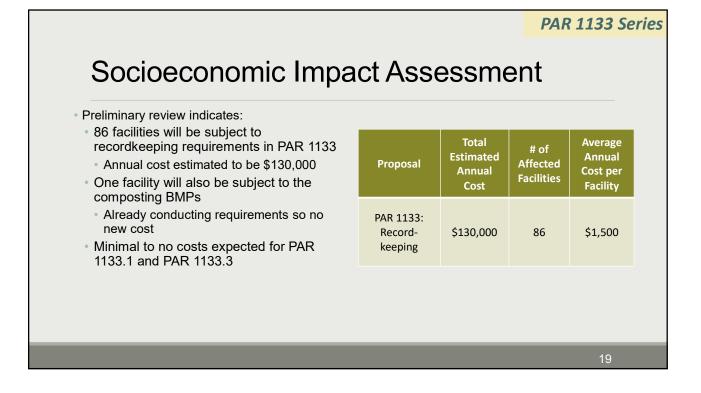


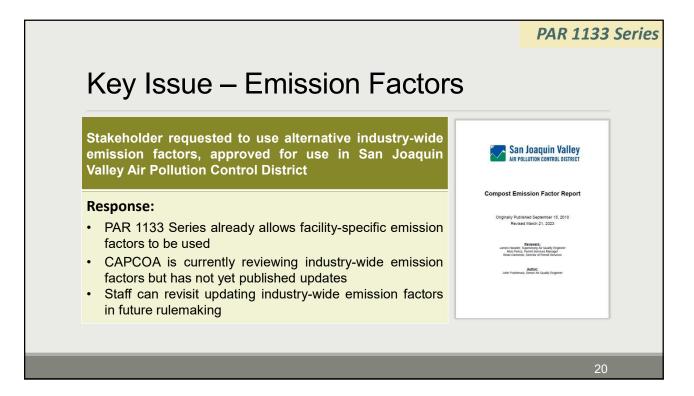






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	Emission F	Reductions	Cost-Effe	ectiveness	
Proposal	VOC (tons/day)	Ammonia (tons/day)	(per ton VOC)	(per ton ammonia)	A.
DLA Restrictions	1.28	0.09	\$300	\$4,300	
BMPs	0.03	0.03	\$4,900	\$5,900	
Overall	1.32	0.12	\$400	\$4,700	
*Baseline Emissions	2.06	0.31			
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#### PAR 1138

Commercial

Cooking

20%

Mobile

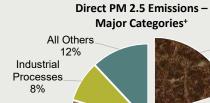
Sources

(All)

19%

# Background on Rule 1138 Emissions From Commercial Cooking

- Commercial cooking accounts for 20% of directly emitted PM2.5
- PAR 1138 focuses on limited amendments to be consistent with regulations in other geographic areas





Fuel Combustion

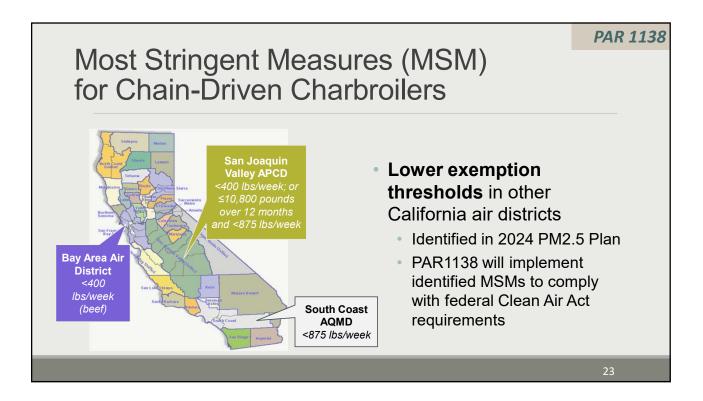
Residential

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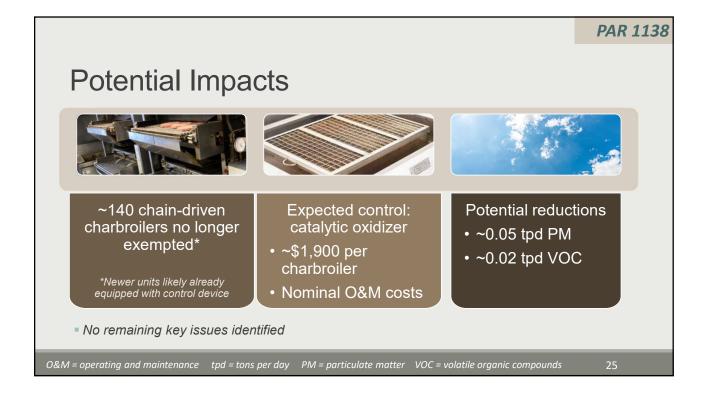
Combustion

12%





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Proposed Limited Amendments								
	Current Rule	Proposed Amendment	s					
Exemption Thresholds for Meat Cooked	<875 pounds per week	<u>One Year After Rule Adoptic</u> <400 pounds per week OR <10,800 pounds per 12-month with <875 pounds per week	าร					
<ul> <li>One-year grace period to file updated information per separate Rule 222 requirements</li> </ul>								
Other minor administrative amendments removing outdated language								



# Impact Assessments of all Proposed Amended Rules

Proposed Amended Rules	CEQA*	Socioeconomic Impact Assessment (SIA)				
223	Each amendment qualifies for an					
445	exemption, and a Notice of Exemption will be prepared	Each amendment's SIA will be				
1133 Series		prepared and released for public review and comment at least 30				
1138	will be prepared based on analysis of potential impacts	days prior to public hearing				
Il rules are independent projects subject to CEQA, for which South Coast AQMD is the lead agency 26						

# Summary for the Four Proposed Amendments for Most Stringent Measures

 In order to avoid Clean Air Act sanctions, four rules must be updated with minor amendments

All four rules will be brought to Board for:

- Set Hearing in August 2025
- Public Hearing in September 2025
- Each rule will be a separate agenda item for Board

#### Monthly Permitting Enhancement Program (PEP) Update South Coast AQMD Stationary Source Committee – June 20, 2025

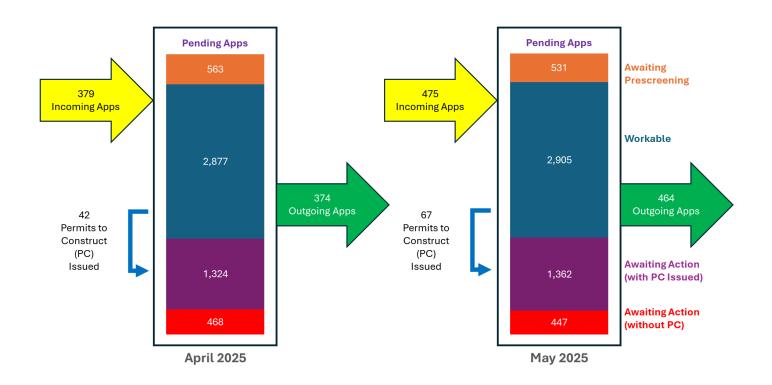
#### Background

At the February 2, 2024 Board meeting, the Board directed staff to provide monthly updates to the Stationary Source Committee to report progress made under the Permitting Enhancement Program (PEP). The Chair's PEP initiative was developed to enhance the permitting program and improve permitting inventory and timelines. This report provides a summary of the pending permit application inventory, monthly production, and other PEP related activities.

#### Summary

#### Pending Permit Application Inventory

The permitting process consists of a constant stream of incoming applications and outgoing application issuances, rejections, and denials. The remainder of the applications are considered the pending application inventory. The inventory consists of applications that are being prescreened prior to being accepted, workable applications, and non-workable applications. Non-workable means that staff are unable to proceed with processing an application because it is awaiting actions to address various regulatory requirements or deficiencies. As an example, after staff issues a Permit to Construct to a facility, staff must wait for the facility to construct and test the equipment prior to issuing a final Permit to Operate. Once a final Permit to Operate is issued, the permit application is removed from the pending application inventory. Other examples include facilities that may be in violation of rules and cannot be permitted until a facility achieves compliance, staff awaiting additional information from facilities, or facilities that have not completed the CEQA process for their project. During the life of an application, it may switch several times between being workable and non-workable as actions are taken by facilities and staff. Attachment 1 contains more detailed descriptions of the categories of nonworkable permit applications. Figure 1 below provides monthly snapshots of the pending application inventory from this month and last month.



#### Figure 1: Application Processing Workflow – April and May 2025

Table 1 below lists the categories included in Awaiting Action (Non-Workable) for the last month. Please note that Table 1 provides a snapshot of data and applications may change status several times before final action. Multiple categories may apply to a single application, so the category totals in Table 1 may exceed the number of applications in Figure 1.

Augiting Action (Non	Without PC Issued				With PC Issued			
Awaiting Action (Non- Workable) Categories*	Feb 2025	Mar 2025	Apr 2025	May 2025	Feb 2025	Mar 2025	Apr 2025	May 2025
Additional Information from Facility	282	235	284	262	23	26	24	22
CEQA Completion	29	29	30	33	-	-	-	-
Completion of Construction	1	-	-	-	1,162	1,192	1,190	1,234
Facility Compliance Resolution	22	28	20	24	-	-	-	2
Facility Draft Permit Review	63	43	29	30	-	-	-	1
Initial Review**	63	43	29	21	-	-	-	-
Supplemental Review**	**	**	**	9	**	**	**	1
Fee Payment Resolution	4	3	2	2	-	-	-	-
Other Agency Review	73	40	44	46	3	3	4	3
Other Facility Action	-	-	3	-	1	1	1	1
Other South Coast AQMD Review	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Public Notice Completion	21	34	56	37	-	-	-	2
Source Test Completion	22	26	22	25	115	113	105	97

Table 1: Awaiting Action (Non-Workable) Application Category Summary

\*Please see Attachment 1 for more information on these categories.

\*\*New categories added to differentiate draft permits that include prolonged review by the applicant as further detailed in Attachment 1.

Not reflected in Figure 1 are an additional 12 applications processed through the online permitting system, which did not impact the permit application inventory. Staff has automated the permitting process for certain equipment allowing staff to focus their efforts on other permit applications. These 12 permit completions are reflected in Figure 2 below.

While the outgoing applications (green arrow) plus permits to construct issued (blue arrow) were greater than prescreened applications plus incoming applications (yellow arrow) this month, the number of workable applications in the inventory increased as additional applications awaiting action became workable. For more detailed information, the past Monthly PEP Updates may be accessed in Attachment 2.

The inventory of Awaiting Action applications has steadily increased. Most of the Awaiting Action applications have a Completion of Construction status. From March 2024 to May 2025, staff issued many Permits to Construct, thereby increasing the Completion of Construction status from 770 to 1,234, including 67 Permits to Construct issued in May. Staff must wait for construction of the equipment to be completed prior to moving forward on these applications.

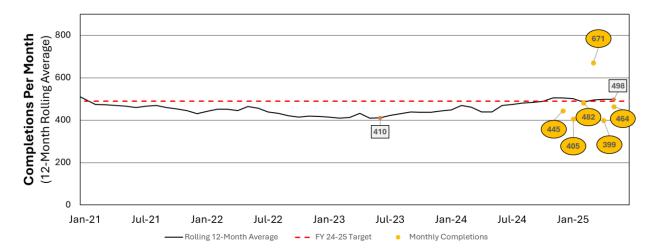
The rate of incoming applications is unpredictable and is dependent on business demands and the economic climate, as well as South Coast AQMD rule requirements. Maintaining the average production rate of outgoing applications greater than average rate of incoming

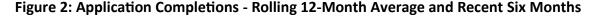
applications is key to reducing the pending application inventory until a manageable working inventory is established. Typically, a spike in incoming applications occurs in June each year due to the permit application fee increases on July 1. This typically results in a temporary swell in the inventory as more time is needed to address the surge of permit applications.

Maintaining a low vacancy rate with trained and experienced permitting staff is the biggest factor in maintaining high production and reducing the pending application inventory. In addition, data and analysis showed that addressing vacancies at the Senior and Supervising AQ Engineers was vital since these positions are the review and approval stages of the permitting process.

#### **Production**

Prior to staff retirements, permit production levels in 2020 were typically above 500 completions per month. Prior to PEP implementation, high vacancy rates resulted in decreased permit completions. Lower production rates nearing 400 completions per month occurred as the vacancy rate peaked. As the vacancies have been reduced and staff have been trained, production has increased. Figure 2 below shows a rolling 12-month average of application completions and the monthly production for the last six months. For most of the last year, increased monthly production levels (orange circles) are raising the rolling 12-month production averages (black line) in the chart below as compared to the period before PEP. The rolling 12-month average includes the monthly totals from the last year to visualize the trend over time, as production in individual months often fluctuates (in addition to fluctuations in incoming application submittals). The current rolling 12-month average production rate is 498 completions per month. A higher rolling 12-month average will indicate sustained higher production levels. These higher production levels will begin to reduce the pending application inventory and improve permit processing times. A new fiscal year (FY) goal was set to increase production by 500 completions as compared to 2023. This equates to a soft target of 489 completions per month. The red line in Figure 2 shows this new fiscal year goal. Staff will continue to balance production to meet the FY goal as well as address aged applications awaiting Permits to Construct.





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Production began to increase in the second half of 2023 as substantial promotions and hiring occurred. New engineering staff were trained and production increased over several months. As staff become more experienced in their duties, they can process more complex projects and become more efficient. Average production is stabilizing at the new increased levels.

#### Engineering & Permitting (E&P) Vacancy Rate

The current E&P vacancy rate decreased and is now 10.2%. The minimum target vacancy rate for PEP is 10%. When PEP was first announced, the E&P vacancy rate was greater than 20%. Multiple E&P staff retired in March, which increased the vacancy rate. These retirements were anticipated, and a recruitment of engineers was timed to coincide with the retirements. New engineers are now onboarding to reduce the vacancy rate.

#### Key Activities

- The Best Available Control Technology (BACT) Scientific Review Committee meeting met on June 4 to initiate the next cycle of BACT Guideline updates
- Four Air Quality Engineers onboarded on May 27, plus two Air Quality Engineers onboarded on June 10
- Two more Air Quality Engineers and a Staff Specialist will start in late June and July, with additional offers in progress
- Two student interns joined E&P on May 27 (not included in vacancy rate)
- Staff implemented a streamlining measure to address Rule 404 calculations for certain spray both permit applications
- Staff initiated a production push for end of fiscal year with a focus on the large inventory of applications with Permits to Construct issued.
- Staff is evaluating new reporting methodologies to better characterize and define an application backlog as compared to the working inventory of applications, and will use the data to set new goals

#### Upcoming Meetings:

- A Permit Streamlining Task Force meeting is scheduled for July 2025.
- Staff met the FY 2024-2025 goal of conducting at least six public meetings. Staff will continue this goal for next FY.

#### Attachment 1

#### Explanation of Non-Workable Application Statuses

Workable applications are those applications where staff have the required information to process the permit application.

Non-workable applications are those applications where the application process has been paused while staff are awaiting the resolution of one or more related tasks or where the permit cannot be issued.

# **Description of Non-Workable/Awaiting Action Terms**

# Additional Information from Facility

During permit processing staff may need additional information from a facility that was not included in the original permit application package or a change of scope of the proposed project. Additional information may include items regarding materials used in the equipment (such as toxics), equipment information, or other items to perform emission calculations or determine compliance for the proposal in the application.

# **CEQA** Completion

Prior to issuing permits, CEQA requirements are required to be evaluated and completed. South Coast AQMD can either be the Lead Agency that certifies or approves the CEQA document or the Responsible Agency that consults with the Lead Agency (typically a land use agency) on the CEQA document.

# Completion of Construction

After a Permit to Construct is issued, the permit application file remains in the pending application inventory. Staff must wait for the facility to complete construction prior to completing other compliance determination steps before the permitting process can continue. Typically, a Permit to Construct is valid for one year, but it may be extended for various reasons if the facility demonstrates they are making increments of progress. For some large projects, construction may take years while the permit application remains in the pending application inventory.

# Facility Compliance Resolution

Prior to issuing permits the affected facility must demonstrate compliance with all rules and regulations [Rule 1303(b)(4)]. Prior to the issuance of a Permit to Construct, all major stationary sources that are owned or operated by, controlled by, or under common control in the State of California are subject to emission limitations must demonstrate that they are in compliance or on a schedule for compliance with all applicable emission limitations and standards under the Clean Air Act. [Rule 1303(b)(2)(5)].

# Facility Draft Permit Initial Review

If a facility requests to review their draft permit, staff provides the facility a review period prior to proceeding with issuance. During the review period, staff do not perform any additional evaluation until feedback from the facility is received. Some projects include several permits or large facility permit documents which may take substantial time to review.

#### Facility Draft Permit Supplemental Review

Once staff provides a draft permit to a facility for review, staff is typically ready to proceed with permit issuance based on the proposed draft. If a facility requests revisions to their draft permit, provided additional evaluation is not required, the application continues to be pending until feedback from the facility is resolved. If additional evaluation is required, an additional permit modification application may be required. Some projects include several permits or large facility permit documents which may take substantial time to review. This category was added in May 2025 after experiencing noticeable delays to the permitting process.

#### Fee Payment Resolution

Prior to issuing permits, all fees must be remitted, including any outstanding fees from associated facility activities including, but not limited to, annual operating and emission fees, modeling or source testing fees, and permit reinstatement fees.

#### Other Agency Review

The Title V permitting program requires a 45-day review of proposed permitting actions by U.S. EPA prior to many permitting actions. During the review period, staff are unable to proceed with permit issuance. If U.S. EPA has comments or requests additional information, the review stage may add weeks or months to the process before staff can proceed with the project.

For Electricity Generating Facilities (Power Plants), CEC may provide a review of proposed permits prior to issuance.

#### **Other Facility Action**

Prior to issuing a permit, a facility may need to take action to address deficiencies or take steps to meet regulatory requirements. This may include acquiring Emission Reduction Credits after staff notifies a facility the project requires emissions to be offset, performing an analysis for Best Available Control Technology requirements, or conducting air dispersion modeling.

#### Other South Coast AQMD Review

Prior to proceeding with a permit evaluation, permit engineering staff may require assistance and support from other South Coast AQMD departments. For example, IM support for electronic processing due to unique or long-term project considerations or to complete concurrent review of separate phases or integrated processes for multi-phase projects is routinely needed.

#### Public Notice Completion

There are several South Coast AQMD requirements that may require public noticing and a public participation process prior to permit issuance. Rule 212 and Regulation XXX both detail public noticing thresholds and requirements which include equipment located near schools, high-emitting equipment, equipment above certain health risk thresholds, or significant projects or permit renewals in the Title V program. The public notice period is typically 30 days, and staff are required to respond to all public comments in writing prior to proceeding with the permitting process. Other delays in the public notice process may include delays in distribution of the notice by the facility, incomplete distribution which may require restarting the 30-day period, or requests for extension from the public.

#### Source Test Completion

Many rules require source testing prior to permit issuance. Source testing is the measurement of actual emissions from a source that may be used to determine compliance with emission limits, or measurements of toxic emissions may be used to perform a health risk assessment. Lab analysis of an air sample is often required as part of the process. The testing is performed by third party contractors who prepare a source test protocol to detail the testing program, and a source test report with the results of the testing and equipment operation. Both the protocol and report need to be reviewed and approved by South Coast AQMD staff.

#### Attachment 2

#### Links to Previous Monthly PEP Updates

#### <u>2024</u>

April 19, 2024 – First Monthly PEP Update

<u>May 17, 2024</u>

June 21, 2024

July 2024 – No Stationary Source Committee meeting

August 16, 2024

September 20, 2024 - canceled

October 18, 2024

November 15, 2024

December 20, 2024

#### <u>2025</u>

January 24, 2025

February 21, 2025

March 21, 2025

<u>April 18, 2025</u>

May 16, 2025

#### June 2025 Update on Work with U.S. EPA and California Air Resources Board on New Source Review Issues for the RECLAIM Transition

At the October 5, 2018, Board meeting, the Board directed staff to provide the Stationary Source Committee with a monthly update of staff's work with U.S. EPA regarding resolving NSR issues for the transition of facilities from RECLAIM to a command-and-control regulatory structure. Key activities with U.S. EPA and CARB since the last report are summarized below.

- RECLAIM/NSR Working Group meeting is not planned for June
- The RECLAIM/NSR Working Group will be reconvened when there is information to report

#### SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT General Counsel's Office

#### Settlement Penalty Report (05/01/2025 - 05/31/2025)

#### **Total Penalties**

Civil Settlement: \$386,738.00 Hearing Board Settlement: \$1,000.00 MSPAP Settlement: \$157,627.00

Total Cash Settlements: \$545,365.00

Total SEP Value: \$0.00

#### Fiscal Year through 05/31/2025 Cash Total: \$8,411,650.67

#### Fiscal Year through 05/31/2025 SEP Value Only Total: \$0.00

Fac ID	Company Name	Rule Number	Settled Date	Init	Notice Nbrs	Total Settlement
Civil						
201719	APPLIED INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGIES	2305	05/22/2025	RM	O15180	\$5,000.00
197024	CENTRAL GARDEN & PET	2305	05/01/2025	SP	O15292	\$15,840.00
151194	D H L GLOBAL FORWARDING	2305	05/20/2025	RM	O15210	\$28,600.00
202570	DEALER TIRE	2305	05/13/2025	RM	O15185	\$5,000.00
201012	DENSO	2305	05/21/2025	RM	O15149	\$4,000.00
202593	DHL	2305	05/13/2025	RM	O15213	\$28,600.00
124570	FISHERMAN'S PRIDE PROCESS - NEPTUNE FOODS	2305	05/06/2025	JL	O15162	\$750.00
53574	GARDNER GIBSON	1113	05/06/2025	EC	P65664	\$5,300.00
164610	GENERAL FINISHES	1113	05/02/2025	RM	P65665	\$29,400.00
203932	GIGACLOUD TECHNOLOGY INC (USA)	2305	05/23/2025	SP	O15295	\$8,000.00
201716	GLOBAL ONE LOGISTICS	2305	05/02/2025	RM	O15100	\$28,600.00
189538	HEMPEL INC (USA)	1113	05/13/2025	JL	P65667	\$14,500.00
124808	INEOS POLYPROPYLENE LLC	401, 1173, 2004, 2011, APPENDIX A (2011), 2012, APPENDIX A (2012), 3002, 40 CFR 60.18	05/06/2025	KER	P63847, P68954, P68959, P68963, P68977, P68978, P68984, P68985, P68994, P73513, P73516, P75009, P78807, P79478	\$87,709.00

Fac ID	Company Name	Rule Number	Settled Date	Init	Notice Nbrs	Total Settlement
181188	JJ & S ASBESTOS REMOVAL INC	1403	05/13/2025	ND	P74717	\$1,249.00
202581	LYZZ	2305	05/06/2025	ND	O15136	\$13,000.00
193643	MAC DAD BUILDERS INC	1403, 40 CFR 61.145	05/06/2025	DH	P80310	\$1,500.00
203039	MAPEI CORPORATION	1168	05/14/2025	JL	P74932	\$31,200.00
201726	MULTIQUIP	2305	05/14/2025	ND	O15126	\$5,000.00
202561	PETCO ANIMAL SUPPLIES STORES INC	2305	05/07/2025	ND	O15169, O15251, O15437	\$39,000.00
203780	RAZOR USA LLC	2305	05/20/2025	SP	O15282	\$15,840.00
180410	REICHHOLD LLC 2	1147	05/09/2025	RM	P73172	\$6,250.00
200142	SOUTHWEST LANDSCAPE & MAINTENANCE	403, 403.1	05/06/2025	RM	P75247	\$2,000.00
203218	WALTERS WHOLESALE ELECTRIC CO	2305	05/20/2025	SP	O15233	\$10,400.00
Total Civ	ril Settlements: \$386,738.00					
Hearing	Board					
146536	WALNUT CREEK ENERGY, LLC	203, 2004, 3002	05/06/2025	KCM	6230-6	\$1,000.00
Total Hea	aring Board Settlements: \$1,000.00					
MSPAP						
79776	2000 C STORE INC	461, H&S 41960.2	05/06/2025	VB	P73531	\$4,945.00
168037	7 ELEVEN INC (#33552)	201	05/23/2025	VB	P80974	\$1,049.00
129216	ALLEN INDUSTRIAL & MACHINE	203, 1469	05/16/2025	CL	P80320	\$8,118.00
190518	AMERICAN PLUS INC	1403	05/16/2025	СМ	P81151	\$2,872.00
155225	AMERICAN ROYAL PETROLEUM INC	203, 461	05/16/2025	СМ	P80243	\$1,573.00
174623	ARCO (#42039)	461, H&S 41960.2	05/13/2025	SW	P73544	\$1,428.00
169428	B & F METAL FINISHING	203, 1107	05/02/2025	CL	P81509	\$5,620.00
206933	C.W. DRIVER	403	05/16/2025	VB	P79979	\$1,993.00
31367	CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE CO	461	05/13/2025	СМ	P74896	\$1,793.00
153969	CARSON UNION 76	461, H&S 41960.2	05/13/2025	SW	P73534	\$1,678.00
118064	CIRCLE K STORES INC (#489)	461	05/16/2025	CL	P80973	\$1,149.00
96220	CITY OF LA - DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION & PARKS	203, 461	05/13/2025	СМ	P75914	\$3,321.00
203351	COAST ABATEMENT SERVICES INC	1403	05/13/2025	СМ	P78643	\$6,294.00
112684	COASTLINE HIGH PERFORMANCE COATINGS LTD	1402	05/02/2025	CL	P73836	\$2,198.00
172250	CORONA FUELING & ELECTRIC INC	1166	05/02/2025	CL	P80648	\$3,297.00
23043	CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY - SAN BERNARDINO	203	05/16/2025	CL	P73924	\$3,027.00
3721	DART CONTAINER CORP OF CALIFORNIA	2012	05/02/2025	CL	P78920	\$7,942.00
144430	DOWNEY SHELL	461, H&S 41960.2	05/16/2025	СМ	P80211	\$1,565.00
205810	FOOD MART AND CHURCH'S CHICKEN	201	05/23/2025	CL	P80969	\$1,049.00

Fac ID	Company Name	Rule Number	Settled Date	Init	Notice Nbrs	Total Settlement
201806	GIGACLOUD TECHNOLOGY INC - CALIFORNIA (#5)	2305	05/02/2025	СМ	O15226	\$8,360.00
142311	GREENCYCLE	203, 1133	05/02/2025	CL	P79951	\$2,198.00
138706	HEALTHCARE REALTY SERVICES	203	05/23/2025	СМ	P79860	\$1,009.00
186552	HIGHMEL INC (DBA "MELROSE MOBIL")	461, H&S 41960.2	05/06/2025	VB	P80911	\$3,027.00
188793	HUNTINGTON ORTHOPEDIC INSTITUTE LLC	203	05/06/2025	CL	P81651	\$1,009.00
175942	JONES COVEY GROUP INC	1166	05/06/2025	CL	P80626	\$3,956.00
196041	LA MASTERS COLLISION MOTORSPORTS INC	203	05/23/2025	CL	P73566	\$744.00
174742	LEE IN KU'S MOBIL	461, H&S 41960.2	05/02/2025	SW	P73520	\$6,054.00
167925	LEGENDS GOLF CLUB	461	05/16/2025	VB	P81353	\$6,369.00
121612	MILLION DOLLAR BODY SHOP INC	203	05/13/2025	CL	P68377	\$2,000.00
205347	NOHO COLLISION CENTER	109, 203	05/06/2025	VB	P79866	\$1,813.00
183658	PENA DEMOLITION	1403, 40 CFR 61.145	05/06/2025	VB	P78645	\$1,186.00
15031	SB COUNTY - EPWA COUNTY JAIL	1146	05/23/2025	CL	P74283	\$2,772.00
10167	SB COUNTY - FACILITIES MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT	203	05/23/2025	СМ	P74284	\$2,098.00
204392	SAN JACINTO VALLEY ACADEMY	1403, 40 CFR 61.145	05/02/2025	CL	P80318	\$6,233.00
131850	SHAW DIVERSIFIED SERVICES INC	2004	05/23/2025	CL	P75637	\$4,669.00
112166	SOUTH WEST OFFSET PRINTING CO INC	1147	05/23/2025	СМ	P81510	\$7,867.00
203058	SSA PACIFIC INC	2305	05/02/2025	CL	O15153	\$11,050.00
152122	TERRIBLE HERBST INC (#285)	461	05/06/2025	VB	P79624	\$4,945.00
138103	TRANSCONTINENTAL ONTARIO INC	3002	05/16/2025	CL	P77955	\$6,245.00
203678	WE THE PEOPLE CONSTRUCTION INC	1403	05/13/2025	CL	P78128	\$13,112.00
Total MS	PAP Settlements: \$157,627.00					

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