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Lineage Completes All Requirements of Order for Abatement

Diamond Bar, CA – Today, the South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) announced that Lineage Logistics in Boyle Heights has completed all actions required by the Order for Abatement (Order). This follows months of cleanup at the facility's Freezer 1, the source of persistent odors in surrounding communities beginning in July.

In addition, South Coast AQMD concluded its air monitoring efforts on November 10. Two air monitoring sites were identified at Eastman Avenue Elementary and Robert Louis Stevenson Middle School for particulate matter (PM2.5) on June 19th. A continuous hydrogen sulfide (H2S) and methane (CH4) monitor was added at Eastman Ave Elementary School on July 9th followed by a continuous ammonia (NH3) monitor on July 23rd.

Since South Coast AQMD's 20-week air monitoring efforts began:

- 46 samples were collected for analysis of carbonyl compounds and air toxic volatile organic compounds (VOCs)
- Over 6,500 hourly particulate matter (PM2.5) data points were measured
- Over 2,800 hourly hydrogen sulfide (H2S) data points were measured
- Over 2,800 hourly methane (CH4) data points were measured
- Over 2,400 hourly ammonia (NH3) data points were measured
- 5 mobile monitoring surveys were conducted for air toxic metals and VOCs
- 5 roaming spot checks were performed for ammonia (NH3)

Since the cleanup of Freezer 1 was completed on September 5th, air monitoring results have been consistent with typical background levels. Additionally, Lineage will no longer be required to conduct Fenceline and community air monitoring under the Order.

Over the past six weeks, South Coast AQMD received only two complaints on October 21st and November 3rd. Inspectors responded to the complaints but did not confirm any odors that were traced back to Lineage Logistics.

Residents can continue to report odors or air quality concerns to **1-800-CUT-SMOG**, via the South Coast AQMD app, or at www.aqmd.gov/complaints. South Coast AQMD inspectors will continue to respond to complaints, and the agency will take enforcement action if any violations are observed.

Although the Order's requirements have been met, Lineage remains subject to all South Coast AQMD rules and regulations, including Rule 402 (Nuisance) and California Health and Safety Code § 41700. The 39 Notices of Violation (NOVs) issued to Lineage between July 12 and August 28 continue to move through the enforcement process. NOVs can carry penalties of up to $75,000 per day, per violation, depending on various factors including negligent or willful misconduct.

On August 6, South Coast AQMD's Hearing Board, an independent, quasi-judicial panel, approved the Order requiring Lineage Logistics, LLC to take actions to reduce odors from the facility during cleanup activities and conduct community air monitoring. The enforceable Order contained more than 90 conditions designed to contain, reduce, and eliminate odorous emissions, focusing on food waste removal from Freezer 1. Additional information on South Coast AQMD's efforts, including air monitoring results, can be found at www.aqmd.gov/palos.

South Coast AQMD is the regulatory agency responsible for improving air quality for large areas of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino counties, including the Coachella Valley. For news, air quality alerts, event updates and more, please visit us at www.aqmd.gov, download our award-winning app, or follow us on Facebook, X (formerly known as Twitter) and Instagram.

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