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Lineage Completes Power Washing

Diamond Bar, CA – Today, the South Coast Air Quality Management District's (South Coast AQMD) enforcement team confirmed that Lineage Logistics in Boyle Heights completed removal of remaining debris, power washing and disinfecting in the interior of Freezer 1. The completion marks the end of major cleanup activities in Freezer 1 following weeks of persistent odors impacting surrounding communities.

The number of odor complaints received by South Coast AQMD has drastically decreased since all bulk food waste was removed a week ago, averaging less than five complaints per day compared with several hundred complaints per day in July. Since July 12, South Coast AQMD has received more than 4,900 odor complaints from surrounding communities reporting persistent rotten, sour and garbage-like odors. South Coast AQMD issued 39 Notices of Violation (NOVs) from July 12 through August 28 for public nuisance under Rule 402 and California Health and Safety Code § 41700.

Lineage must continue to follow all measures required by the Order for Abatement (Order), which includes the use of odor neutralizing agents during certain activities and collection of all wastewater generated by cleanup activities to be placed in a sealed tank and vented to air pollution control equipment. Lineage is also required to notify the community of any future actions with potential to cause odors. The Order also requires Lineage to continue fenceline and community air monitoring.

South Coast AQMD inspectors are visiting the site daily to ensure compliance with the Order until the agency confirms all odor mitigation efforts have been completed or are no longer required. South Coast AQMD continues its air monitoring efforts at Eastman Avenue Elementary and Robert Louis Stevenson Middle School, oversight of the contractors' air measurements, and response to public air quality complaints.

NOVs can carry penalties of up to \$75,000 per day, per violation depending on various factors including negligent or willful misconduct. The NOVs issued to Lineage are currently moving through the enforcement process.

On August 6, South Coast AQMD's Hearing Board, an independent, quasi-judicial panel, approved an Order for Abatement requiring Lineage Logistics, LLC to take actions to reduce odors from the facility during cleanup activities and conduct community air monitoring. The enforceable Order contains more than 90 conditions designed to contain, reduce, and eliminate odorous emissions, focusing on food waste removal from Freezer 1.

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. Additional information on our efforts, including air monitoring can be found at www.aqmd.gov/palos.

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