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South Coast AQMD Demands Additional Odor Controls from Lineage Logistics

Diamond Bar, CA – Today, the South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) issued a formal demand letter requiring Lineage Logistics, LLC., to strengthen its Odor Management Plan by incorporating additional measures.

For weeks, South Coast AQMD has worked with Lineage to provide technical recommendations and actions designed to reduce odors generated during the removal of decomposing food waste. While Lineage has implemented some odor reducing measures, the company has not yet incorporated several key actions requested by South Coast AQMD. South Coast AQMD has identified additional measures that are needed to minimize odor impacts to the community.

Community impacts remain significant despite ongoing cleanup operations. Between July 12 and July 17, South Coast AQMD received over 900 odor complaints from residents and has issued six Notices of Violation (NOVs) to the company for public nuisance violations.

The agency is directing Lineage to implement more than two dozen additional odor control measures. The company must respond to South Coast AQMD by Tuesday, July 21, 2026 on their plan to implement these actions. Additionally, the letter notifies South Coast AQMD's intent to petition its Hearing Board for further legal action.

The additional odor control measures requested by South Coast AQMD include:

Loading Trucks

- Apply odor neutralizer prior to and during loading of materials.
- Require loaded trucks that will be stored or sitting at or near the property for more than 8 hours to use a solid covering.

Housekeeping

- Daily washing where there is any track out or runoff, of any loading areas that are outside of the building and any equipment operated in the building.
- Conduct daily mobile wet scrubber sweeping, a quarter mile or to the first major street from the facility, on any street(s) where loaded trucks are traveling.

Odor Containment

- Apply an odor neutralizer to the waste, followed by odor suppression material to create a physical crust over the waste surface to create a double layer of odor prevention.
- Incorporate routine visual inspection of the contained material on a regular basis (e.g. weekly) to make sure there are no cracks, separation, or other signs of wear or tear.
- Decomposing food in the building that was not impacted by the fire, must be sealed within the building before being removed and loaded onto trucks.

Community Communication Plan

- Install signs with South Coast AQMD's air quality complaint line within 50 feet of the main entrance to the facility.
- Timely communication to the public on the status of any planned activity including:
 - Truck routes
 - Status updates
 - Work that may significantly increase odors
- Notify the community if any activities will take place that could increase odors.

Since the June 17 fire, South Coast AQMD has maintained an extensive response that includes deploying specialized mobile monitoring platforms and stationary air monitors, investigating complaints, issuing NOVs, expanding its residential air purifier program, and coordinating with local, state, and federal agencies throughout the response.

Members of the public can report odors, dust, smoke, or other air quality issues by:

- Calling 1-800-CUT-SMOG (288-7664)
- Filing a report via the online complaint portal at www.aqmd.gov/complaints; or
- Using the South Coast AQMD mobile [app](#).

For more information on South Coast AQMD's response and efforts to the 2026 Palos Fire, including access to air monitoring data, please visit: 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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