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Lineage Logistics Ordered to Enforce Strict Odor Controls in Boyle Heights

Diamond Bar, CA — Today, the South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) Hearing Board approved an Order for Abatement requiring Lineage Logistics, LLC to take actions to reduce odors from the facility during cleanup activities that continue to impact the community.

The 500,000-square-foot cold storage facility, located at 1400 S. Los Palos Street, was damaged during a fire that broke out on June 17. At the time of the fire, the building contained an estimated 88 million pounds of food products. Since July 12, South Coast AQMD has received more than 4,200 odor complaints from residents in surrounding communities reporting persistent rotten, sour, and garbage-like odors. As a result, 25 consecutive Notices of Violation (NOVs) were issued from July 12 - August 5 for public nuisance under South Coast AQMD Rule 402 and California Health and Safety Code section 41700.

For weeks, South Coast AQMD provided technical guidance to help Lineage reduce odors. While Lineage implemented some controls, community impacts remained significant. On July 17, South Coast AQMD issued a Demand Letter requiring over two dozen additional odor mitigation measures.

Under today's enforceable Order, Lineage Logistics must strictly adhere to over 90 conditions designed to contain, reduce, and eliminate odorous emissions including:

- **Mandatory Waste Removal Schedule:** Each week, a minimum of 8.8 million pounds of food waste should be removed and transported out as expeditiously and safely as possible.
- **Waste Removal:** All waste should be removed through the covered loading dock. No food waste may sit on loading docks for more than 30 minutes.
- **Capture and Neutralize Odors:** Odor capture and neutralizing agents must be applied immediately to exposed food waste.
- **Install Enclosure (Freezer 1):** Install/Maintain plastic sheeting to create an enclosure and contain odors.

- **Air Pollution Controls (Freezer 1):** Maintain negative air pressure in the contained area and operate air pollution controls to capture odors. Carbon filters should be monitored and replaced every week.
- **Community Communication & Signage:** Develop a notification plan to keep the community informed of truck routes and any activities that have the potential to cause significant increase in odors.

South Coast AQMD added some additional requirements to their order in response to the public comments and testimony made during the hearing including:

- **Language access:** Requiring Lineage to provide signage and information in both English and Spanish at a minimum.
- **Fenceline Monitoring:** The facility must continue monitoring for Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs), ammonia, formaldehyde, PM2.5, and toxic air contaminants.

The Order for Abatement focuses on waste removal from Freezer 1, waste from Freezer 2 has been cleared.

The South Coast AQMD Hearing Board is an independent, quasi-judicial panel that hears all sides of a case, weighs the evidence, and reaches a decision. For more information regarding the Order for Abatement, please visit: [Hearing Board Case Documents](#).

Since the incident began, South Coast AQMD is continuing to conduct mobile and stationary air monitoring in Boyle Heights to track pollutants and independently validate facility contractor data. Residents can report odors or air quality concerns to **1-800-CUT-SMOG**, via the South Coast AQMD app, or at aqmd.gov. Continuous monitoring data and resources are available at www.aqmd.gov/palos.

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