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South Coast AQMD Issues Violation to Lineage in Boyle Heights for Odors Impacting Nearby Communities

DIAMOND BAR – The South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) has issued a Notice of Violation (NOV) to Lineage Logistics, LLC, in Boyle Heights, California, for odors that have impacted surrounding communities.

On July 12th, more than 40 public complaints reporting rotten, sour, garbage-type odors in the area were received. Inspectors responded to the complaints, confirmed the odors with community members, and traced them back to cleanup operations at the facility. As a result, an NOV was issued yesterday for violations of the public nuisance rules.

South Coast AQMD Rule 402 and California Health & Safety Code Section 41700 prohibit emissions that cause injury, nuisance, or annoyance to a significant number of people or the public.

On June 17, 2026, a fire broke out on the roof at the nearly 500,000-square-foot Lineage cold storage warehouse in Boyle Heights. After the fire, cleanup efforts, including the removal of approximately 85 million pounds of spoiled food waste that is generating increased odors, or dust from demolition work, debris removal, and truck traffic.

NOVs can result in civil penalties. If no settlement is reached, a civil lawsuit may be filed in superior court.

Report Air Quality Concerns: 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](#).

Air Purifiers: South Coast AQMD's AB 617 Residential Air Filtration Program is helping residents in East Los Angeles, Boyle Heights, and West Commerce community receive CARB-certified, High-Efficiency Particulate Air (HEPA) purifier(s) along with a three-year supply of replacement filters. All items will be shipped directly to applicants at no cost. Air purifiers are available on a first-come, first-served basis until funds are exhausted. The program is currently open and residents can submit applications online at www.aqmd.gov/raf.

For more information on South Coast AQMD's efforts in response 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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