



**Compliance and Enforcement Division**

## **INCIDENT REPORT**

**Henry's Wood Farm  
Martinez, CA  
June 23, 2006**

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On June 19, 2006 at approximately 3:30 pm District staff and the Contra Costa County Fire Protection District (CCCFPD) responded to a fire at Henry's Wood Farm located in Martinez, just east of the Arthur Road Community. The fire consisted of a large pile of wood logs and wood chips. A large plume of brown smoke was visible from the fire, rising several hundred feet. The winds during the incident were from the southwest at 5 mph causing the plume to drift toward the North Concord area and dissipate.

On June 23, 2006 the District received seven complaints and three inquiries about smoke from the on-going fire at Henry's Wood Farm that started earlier in the week. District inspection staff confirmed six of the complaints.

The CCCFPD reported receiving over 50 complaints from the surrounding communities as far away as Danville. Staff is still investigating this incident and will continue to work with the CCCFPD to determine if there were any violations of Air Quality Regulations. The fire has currently been extinguished.

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### **Update**

The District issued one Notice of Violation (NOV) in response to this incident. NOV# A48296 was issued for an alleged violation of Regulation 1, Section 301, Public Nuisance, for the period covering June 20-23, 2006 due to smoke complaints received as a result of the fire.

The facility is currently subject to a cease and desist order issued by the Contra Costa County Fire Protection District (CCCFPD), and is not allowed to receive any new material; but is allowed to remove any existing material remaining at the site (wood rounds can be split and sold as firewood, and chipped wood transported offsite). Daily monitoring of the chipped wood piles for internal temperature by the owner/operator is continuing on a daily basis as required by CCCFPD and solid waste regulations. The Lead Enforcement Agency (LEA), Contra Costa Co. Health Services (CCCHSD), is continuing to oversee the temperature monitoring, and is working with the owner/operator to develop a draft plan for future site remediation and development for a proposed storage facility to replace the wood recycling operation.