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Compliance and Enforcement Division

INCIDENT REPORT

**Sims Metal Management
30104 Industrial Parkway Southwest
Hayward, California
May 14, 2009**

On May 14, 2009 at approximately 4:15 PM, a fire occurred at Sims Metal Management (Sims Metal), located at 30104 Industrial Parkway Southwest in Hayward, California. Sims Metal is a metal recycling transfer facility that recycles home appliances and accepts various metals, sorts them, then bundles them and ships them to processing facilities. Directly downwind of Sims Metal is an industrial area.

The Hayward and Union City Fire Departments responded to the fire at approximately 4:30 and closed northbound traffic on Industrial Parkway from Whipple Road to Addison Way. Winds were from the WNW at approximately 12-18 MPH. A "Shelter in Place" was called from 4:45 to 5:30 PM in an area approximately 2 miles east of the site. No injuries were reported by the Hayward and Union City Fire Department. The District has not received any air quality complaints related to this incident as of the time of this report.

The fire started at approximately 4:15 PM in a scrap ferrous metal pile onsite. The 40 ton pile consisted of approximately 80 % ferrous metal and 20 % nonmetal debris. The cause of the fire is still under investigation and they are unable to determine the cause at this time. The facility closed at 3:00 PM, so no plant personnel were onsite at the time of the fire. The fire was contained shortly after 5 PM and was completely out at 6:30 PM.

District staff will continue to investigate this incident to determine if there were any violations of air quality regulations. This report will be updated as new information becomes available.