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Air District Settles Lawsuit with Pacific Steel Casting

Air District Collects \$150,000 in Penalties and Requires Additional Odor Control Retrofits

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District (Air District) announced today that it reached an agreement with Pacific Steel Casting, in Berkeley. Under the settlement agreement, Pacific Steel Casting will pay fines of \$150,000 and make additional improvements to further reduce odors from its Plant 3, the newest of Pacific Steel Casting's three foundries. The Air District filed a lawsuit in Alameda County Superior Court against Pacific Steel Casting in August 2006 alleging the company failed to meet statutory deadlines for reporting air emissions, and for violating the schedule contained in a recent settlement agreement designed to resolve an ongoing series of air quality complaints.

"When a company fails to comply with the requirements to preserve air quality, it must be held accountable," said Air District Executive Officer Jack P. Broadbent. "Through this settlement Pacific Steel Casting will pay civil penalties and will undertake measures to reduce odors."

The Air District filed this lawsuit when Pacific Steel Casting failed to obtain timely governmental approvals from the City of Berkeley and the District for installation of a carbon abatement system at Plant 3 to control odors, as called for in a previous settlement agreement. This delayed the installation and operation of the abatement system, which was expected to significantly reduce odors. Pacific Steel Casting has since installed the abatement system, and complaints of odors from the plant have diminished substantially. Pacific Steel Casting must complete the additional controls within 9 months of receiving all construction approvals.

This suit also alleged that PSC failed to meet its May 2006 deadline under the State's Air Toxics "Hot Spots" Act of 1987 for submitting an updated emissions inventory report. This delay stalled Pacific Steel Casting's completion of the required health risk assessment, which is intended to identify potential localized health impacts from toxic air emissions at the facility. Under the Hot Spots Act, a business must submit the health risk assessment within 150 days following the submission of a completed emissions inventory report. The Air District accepted Pacific Steel Casting's emissions inventory report on February 23, 2007.

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