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Air District & CBE to co-host virtual workshop for AB&I Foundry draft health risk assessment

SAN FRANCISCO – The Bay Area Air Quality Management District will hold a joint virtual workshop with Communities for a Better Environment on **Friday, May 7, 2021, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.** to present, discuss and receive comments on the draft health risk assessment for AB&I Foundry located in East Oakland.

The draft health risk assessment, required by Air District Rule 11-18, indicates that emissions from AB&I Foundry pose an elevated health risk that requires the facility to submit a risk reduction plan to the Air District and reduce air pollution exposure to the surrounding community. The health risks for off-site workers and residences exceed the risk action level of 10 in a million. Toxic metal emissions are the largest contributors to maximum health risks. Most of the toxic emissions are coming from processes that handle molten metal.

“Stricter pollution controls are necessary to protect the health of East Oakland residents and this collaborative effort with Communities for a Better Environment is crucial to obtain input from those who live and work near the facility,” said Jack Broadbent, executive officer of the Air District. “This workshop provides opportunities for the public to learn more, ask questions and submit comments about the draft assessment.”

“It is no mistake that AB&I is operating in a neighborhood that was historically redlined,” said Ernesto Arevalo, NorCal program director of Communities for a Better Environment. “Environmental racism has deep roots and the findings from the Health Risk Assessment must lead to action.”

Workshop Schedule

Friday, May 7, 2021 from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.

To join via web browser: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84265732418>

To join via phone: **669.900.6833**

Meeting ID: **842 6573 2418**

- For language interpretation, contact Aneesh Rana at arana@baaqmd.gov or 415-749-4914 at least 72 hours before the workshop.
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Information and Comments

The public will have 60 days to review and provide input on the health risk assessment. Air District staff will respond to all comments before finalizing the report. For questions or to submit comments, contact Carol Allen, engineering manager, at callen@baaqmd.gov. The deadline to submit comments is **Tuesday, June 8, 2021, at 5 p.m.** To review the health risk assessment, visit: <https://www.baaqmd.gov/community-health/facility-risk-reduction-program/facility-risk-reduction-list>.

For information about the AB&I Foundry draft health risk assessment, see our [frequently asked questions](#).

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