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## Air District fines Vulcan Materials Co. \$228,000 for air quality violations

**SAN FRANCISCO** – The Bay Area Air Quality Management District announced today that it has fined Vulcan Materials Co. \$228,000 for air quality violations which occurred in 2021 at Vulcan's manufacturing plant in Pleasanton.

Vulcan Materials Co. is a construction aggregate producer, supplier and distributor of construction materials including gravel, sand, crushed stone, asphalt, concrete and other materials.

"The financial penalty for these violations sends a clear message to Vulcan Materials Co. that they must carefully monitor their emissions and comply with air quality regulations," said Dr. Philip Fine, executive officer of the Air District. "Ensuring clean air for our communities is nonnegotiable. We continue to vigilantly enforce regulations to maintain the clean air our communities deserve."

This penalty will resolve two Notices of Violation issued to the construction material producer for public nuisance due to burning asphalt or tar odors from the Vulcan Materials facility. The odors occurred over four days in June and July of 2021, and the Air District received 128 complaints from the public. The Air District also issued a NOV due to a failed source test and exceeding the nitrogen oxides limit for 35 days.

All violations that led to the penalties have been corrected.

The Air District issues NOVs when facilities violate an air quality regulation or rule. Violators are generally required to respond to the notice within 10 days and submit a description of the actions they will take to correct the problem. These actions can include shutting down certain operations immediately or changing operations or equipment to come into compliance.

The <u>Bay Area Air Quality Management District</u> is the regional agency responsible for protecting air quality in the nine-county Bay Area. Connect with the Air District via <u>Twitter/X</u>, <u>Facebook</u> and <u>YouTube</u>.