

Compliance and Enforcement Division

INCIDENT REPORT

Schnitzer Steel Products Company dba Radius Recycling, Site #A0208 1101 Embarcadero West, Oakland 94607 August 10, 2023

On August 9, 2023, at approximately 5:30 pm, a fire broke out at the Schnitzer Steel Products Company facility located at 1101 Embarcadero West, Oakland. The facility is a scrap metal processing facility that shreds cars and appliances for recycling. The fire started in a scrap metal pile containing aluminum, tin, light iron and steel and generated large plumes of smoke that resulted in an Air Quality Advisory from the Air District. Oakland Fire and SF Bay Fireboats responded to the fire. As of early morning August 10th, the fire had not been completely extinguished. The cause of the fire is unknown at this time.

Air District staff responded to the scene and handled complaint response and investigation. The Air District received 47 air pollution complaints as of 7:45 am August 10. Winds were generally out of the west to northwest from 15 to 17 mph during the evening but have shifted to the south during the night/early morning hours. The large dense gray smoke plume from the fire traveled in a south/southeasterly direction and impacted downwind areas as far away as Livermore and San Jose during the evening/nighttime hours, but some impacts are currently being observed north of the fire due to a wind shift this morning (August 10).

Air 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.