



BAY AREA
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Compliance and Enforcement Division

INCIDENT REPORT

**Piedmont Lumber
Walnut Creek, CA
March 13, 2010**

On March 13, 2010 at approximately 1:45 PM, a fire occurred at Piedmont Lumber Company, located on North Main Street in Walnut Creek. Piedmont Lumber is a retail lumber yard. The four-alarm fire engulfed the business. The fire and smoke caused several road closures and surrounding businesses to close. A shelter-in-place was not called, however a warning to avoid the smoke was announced.

Responding agencies primarily included the Contra Costa Fire Department, Contra Costa County Hazardous Materials Unit (CCCHMU) and the District; District staff was contacted by CCHMU requesting assistance for air sampling. A brown-white plume was observed moving from the WNW to ESE from the back of the lumberyard across Interstate 680 towards the California Highway Patrol (CHP) truck inspection station.

Three air samples were taken by District and CCCHMU staff during the incident and lab analyses are pending. One sample was taken upwind and two were taken downwind of the fire.

The District did not receive any complaints from this incident. Appropriate Authorities will be conducting a fire investigation to determine the cause of the fire.