



South Coast Air Quality Management District

UPDATE-COMMUNITY MEETING

QUEMETCO

Due to recent COVID concerns, the second South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) community meeting related to Quemetco will be virtual only via Zoom or teleconference on February 9, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to receive public comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) and permit applications for Quemetco. The first public meeting was held on November 10, 2021. The comment period on the Draft EIR has been extended from December 14, 2021, to February 15, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

Virtual Community Meeting **Wednesday, February 9, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.**

Join Zoom Meeting – from computer or phone

<https://scaqmd.zoom.us/j/98021218173>

Webinar ID: 980 2121 8173

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Attendees will have the opportunity to provide public comments.

HELPLINE: For questions/issues related to making comments before and during the meeting, contact the Public Advisor at PublicAdvisor@aqmd.gov. Spanish and Chinese interpretation will be provided.

Disability and language-related accommodations can be requested to allow participation in this community meeting. Any disability or language-related accommodation must be requested as soon as practicable. Requests will be accommodated unless providing the accommodation would result in a fundamental alteration or undue burden to the District. For requests for accommodations or additional information, please contact Derrick Alatorre, South Coast AQMD Public Advisor at (909) 396-2432 from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, or send the request to PublicAdvisor@aqmd.gov.

South Coast AQMD is the agency responsible for issuing permits to facilities that are subject to local, state, and federal air quality-based rules and regulations. Quemetco is a lead-acid battery recycling facility located at 720 S. 7th Avenue, City of Industry, CA 91746. Quemetco has submitted permit applications requesting to increase the amount of lead product from approximately 460 tons per day (tpd) to 575 tpd and allow the facility to:

1. Increase the limit to the rotary/kiln feed dryer and reverberatory furnace from 600 to 750 tpd;
2. Increase the temperature of the exhaust from the rotary/kiln feed dryer from 330 degrees up to 450 degrees Fahrenheit;
3. Increase the amount of coke material (e.g., calcined coke, petroleum coke, or a combination thereof) processed in the rotary/kiln feed dryer and reverberatory furnace from 600,000 to 750,000 pounds per month; and
4. Allow the use of petroleum coke, in lieu of or in addition to calcined coke as a smelting reagent in the reverberatory furnace and electric arc furnace.

As part of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), South Coast AQMD has prepared a Draft EIR for the proposed project mentioned above. The Draft EIR concluded that there were no significant environmental impacts associated with the permit increase, largely due to the strict emission limitations in place that must be followed regardless of an increase in production. The Notice of Completion, Draft EIR, Frequently Asked Questions, and all supporting documentation are available at South Coast AQMD's CEQA webpage: www.aqmd.gov/home/research/documents-reports/lead-agency-permit-projects.

Additional information about the Quemetco facility, including a draft copy of the permit is available at:

www.aqmd.gov/home/news-events/community-investigations/quemetco.

You also may subscribe to email updates related to Quemetco at www.aqmd.gov/sign-up.

South Coast AQMD is the regulatory agency responsible for improving air quality for large areas of Los Angeles, Orange County, Riverside and San Bernardino counties, including the Coachella Valley.

