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South Coast AQMD Hearing Board orders Vernon, Calif. animal rendering plant to reduce odors

Facility failed to comply following multiple inspections

DIAMOND BAR--The South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) Hearing Board required D & D Services Inc., an animal rendering facility in Vernon, California, to comply with requirements to process materials in a timely manner and make other necessary repairs to reduce odors in the community.

“Despite multiple inspections and meetings with our staff, the company has not yet complied with our rules,” said Wayne Nastri, South Coast AQMD’s Executive Officer. “Delays in enclosing parts of their operations and other essential repairs may result in odors in communities near this facility.”

South Coast AQMD conducted inspections in January, February, March and April of 2019 that found the company had not submitted the required permit applications for enclosures of its operations. Other rule violations included failing to cook or properly store raw materials within four hours of receipt, not repairing substantial cracks on the ground in its receiving area and having uncovered trucks delivering raw materials. These violations could all contribute to odors.

D & D Services Inc. was ordered to do the following at its facility:

- Wash down its receiving area twice daily;
- Ensure no standing water is left in the receiving area;
- Repair the asphalt in the receiving area by June 22, 2019;
- Keep records of daily cleaning, cooking and deliveries;
- Ensure all trucks are fully enclosed;
- Decline poultry materials;
- Process or place in closed containers all raw materials within four hours by July 3, 2019; and
- Submit permit applications by July 16, 2019 to construct enclosures of its wastewater treatment system, and the areas where raw materials are received and cooked.

The facility, located at 4105 Bandini Blvd. in Vernon, Calif., converts dead animals collected from zoos, animal shelters, and local government agencies into materials that can be used as fertilizer, and exported for other uses.

The petition for the Order for Abatement was filed with the independent South Coast AQMD Hearing Board on May 21, 2019. The Order was finalized on June 18.

South Coast AQMD's Rule 415 requires facilities that conduct rendering of animals and animal parts to reduce odors from their operations. Rule 415 also requires permanent total enclosures and other control strategies to reduce odors in the communities located near these facilities.

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Raw Material Outside Plant - Feb. 27, 2019

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