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South Coast AQMD Report Highlights Accomplishments in AB 617 Communities

More than 500 tons per year of NOx reductions expected

DIAMOND BAR—Today, the South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) finalized its Assembly Bill 617 (AB 617) annual progress report highlighting the actions taken since 2019 to address air quality priorities identified by AB 617 communities that will deliver emissions reductions.

“We and our community partners together have been working hard to make great strides towards the goals set under the program,” says Wayne Nastri, Executive Officer of South Coast AQMD. “We look forward to the continued growth and collaboration of this valued partnership as we strive to fulfill our obligations to the public, particularly for these communities.”

South Coast AQMD has six AB 617 communities that were approved by the state that span over ten cities: (1) East Los Angeles, Boyle Heights, West Commerce, (2) San Bernardino, Muscoy, (3) Wilmington, Carson, West Long Beach, (4) Eastern Coachella Valley, (5) Southeast Los Angeles and (6) South Los Angeles.

Since 2019, more than \$130 million was distributed to reduce emissions from mobile sources such as zero-emission trucks and marine engines for these communities, that will result in the reduction of approximately 500 tons per year (tpy) of nitrogen oxides (NOx), 18 tpy of diesel particulate matter (DPM) and 27 tpy of volatile organic compounds over the next several years.

Additional AB 617 communities’ accomplishments include:

- Adoption of the most comprehensive refinery rule for combustion equipment in the nation.
- Adoption of the first rule in the nation that will require emission reductions from diesel trucks that are visiting warehouses in the Basin.
- Initiation of rule development for seven rules.
- Approximately **4,250** in joint truck idling sweeps with the state in four of the AB 617 communities.

- Community wide inspections at facilities across all communities including oil tankers, oil well facilities, auto body shops, rendering facilities, and metal processing facilities that resulted in **57 Notices of Violations and four Notices to Comply.**
- More than **\$13 million** for school air filtration systems in four of the AB 617 communities.
- Extensive mobile monitoring in all six communities around areas of concern.

AB 617 was signed into law in 2017 and is a community-focused program to reduce air pollution and improve public health in communities experiencing disproportionate burdens from exposure to air pollutants. Each community established a Community Steering Committee to develop a Community Emissions Reduction Plan (CERP) and Community Air Monitoring Plan that address the community's top air quality priorities.

The AB 617 program requires air districts to prepare annual progress reports highlighting the results of implementing the CERP. Today's report covers actions taken from September 6, 2019 to June 30, 2022 and was approved by the South Coast AQMD Governing Board and will head to the California Air Resources Board for final approval.

A copy of the annual report can be found [here](#).

South Coast AQMD is the regulatory agency responsible for improving air quality for large areas of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino counties, including the Coachella Valley. For news, air quality alerts, event updates and more, please visit us at www.aqmd.gov, download our award-winning app, or follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

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