

MOTION BY SUPERVISORS JANICE HAHN

December 20, 2016

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) recently announced the discovery of elevated levels of hexavalent chromium within the City of Paramount. Hexavalent chromium is a known human carcinogen, and the levels found were several hundred times greater than the typical background levels in Paramount. Our County Department of Public Health and the Fire Department have been working closely with AQMD to assess the potential health risk to workers and residents in the adjoining community, and to conduct investigations aimed at identifying the facilities contributing to the elevated chromium levels.

On November 30, 2016, AQMD identified two facilities as significant sources of chromium emissions: Anaplex Corporation and Aerocraft Heat Treating Company, Inc. On December 1, 2016, Public Health issued Directives to both companies requiring immediate action as necessary to reduce their chromium emissions and eliminate the endangerment to the public, including the partial or complete suspension of operations.

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I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Send a 5-signature letter to the Hearing Board of the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) urging its expedited and careful consideration of the SCAQMD's Petition for Order of Abatement that seeks to have Anaplex and Aerocraft cease its non-compliant operations or take necessary risk reductions actions.
2. Direct the Department of Public Health in consultation with County Counsel to identify all options to compel actions including legal by Anaplex Corporation and Aerocraft Heat Treating Company, Inc. to immediately cease emissions of hexavalent chromium that are endangering the health of workers and residents in the adjoining community, as identified in the Department of Public Health's December 1, 2016 directives to Anaplex and Aerocraft, should the SCAQMD's Petition be unsuccessful. Report of all actions should come before the board on the Tuesday, December 20, 2016 meeting.
3. Further direct the Department to strengthen communication with the City of Paramount to ensure they understand the role of Public Health as the City's Health Officer, charged with taking necessary action to ensure the health of the public.
4. Further direct the Department of Public Health to report back to this Board monthly on progress to abate this endangerment.

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