March 30, 2022

Dear Parent or Guardian:

State law (Air Toxics "Hot Spots" Information and Assessment Act of 1987) protects your right to know about possible health risks from toxic air contaminants emitted by sources of air pollution in your neighborhood. The San Diego County Air Pollution Control District (APCD) is the local government agency responsible for implementing the Air Toxics “Hot Spots” Program in San Diego County.

The following facility is required to notify all parents or guardians of children attending Emerson Elementary school located in areas where there is a potential health risk at or above the significant risk threshold in accordance with APCD Rule 1210 as well as community members living in these areas. The enclosed map shows the boundaries of the area that is exposed to health risks at or above the significant risk threshold.

Facility Name: Pacific Ship Repair & Fabrication Inc.
Address: 1625 Rigel St., San Diego, CA 92113
Type of Business: Ship Repair & Fabrication

Based on the above facility’s air emission data that occurred in 2019 the APCD requested a health risk assessment from Pacific Ship Repair & Fabrication Inc. The health risk assessment, as approved by the APCD in January of 2022, shows that some toxic air contaminants, primarily Hexavalent Chromium, from Pacific Ship Repair & Fabrication Inc. may be increasing the cancer risks for people who live or attend school in the impacted area showed in the enclosed map by a maximum risk of 48.2 chances in one million of getting cancer.

APCD Rule 1210 requires public notification when the cancer risk is at or above 10 in one million, or when any of the non-cancer health hazard indexes or cancer burden is at or above one (1.0). APCD Rule 1210 also requires facilities with emissions at or above significant health risk thresholds (for cancer risk the threshold applies to emissions that occurred in calendar year 2018 or later) to reduce their health risks below these health risk thresholds.

The APCD has prepared the enclosed “Program Fact Sheet” regarding its Air Toxic Hot Spots Program and a survey card to obtain your questions and comments regarding the information provided in this notice. If you would like more information, please complete and return the enclosed survey card to the APCD via mail, 10124 Old Grove Road, San Diego, 92131, or e-mail at APCDEngineering@sdapcd.org.
Additionally, a public meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, April 26, 2022, at 5pm – 7pm to discuss the information in this notification and address your questions. If interested, please join the meeting at https://tinyurl.com/PSRF-2019-HRA. For more information regarding the APCD’s Air Toxics Hot Spots program, please contact the APCD at 858-586-2600 or via email at APCDEngineering@sdapcd.org. For more information regarding the facility please contact David Bain at (619) 232-3200, extension 111 or at DBain@pacship.com.

Sincerely,

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Air Pollution Control Officer