



San Diego County Air Pollution Control District

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This letter is to inform you that in or around 2016, when your business operated in Vista, your employees may have been exposed to potentially elevated health risks created by air toxic emissions from the following facility. The attached map shows the area of elevated health risks around this facility.

Facility Name: Cremation Services Inc.
Facility Address: 2570 Fortune Way, Vista, CA 92081
Type of Business: Crematory

Although your company has now moved to a different location, state law¹ protects your right to know about possible health risks from stationary sources² of air pollution in your neighborhood by requiring the facilities which create elevated health risks to notify you. The San Diego County Air Pollution Control District (APCD) is responsible for requiring public notifications and risk reduction from such facilities per APCD Rule 1210³.

APCD required a health risk assessment from Cremation Services Inc. based on their air toxic emissions from 2016. That health risk assessment showed that, in 2016, Cremation Services Inc. released air toxic emissions, primarily hexavalent chromium from cremation, that could increase the chances of getting cancer for people who work in the area to about 13 in one million. (This represents the highest chance of getting cancer if exposed to the emissions for 25 years).

In addition to cancer risk, the health risk assessment showed that the air toxic emissions, primarily mercury from cremation, can cause other health effects. Specifically, the Health Risk Assessment shows the *Maximum Occupational Chronic (long term) Non-Cancer Health Hazard Index* for their 2016 emissions was 1.46. A hazard index below one means that there are no negative health effects expected from the facility's air toxic emissions⁴.

The attached fact sheet has additional information. If you have any questions, please send us the attached survey or contact us at APCDEngineering@sdapcd.org or at (858) 586-2600.

Sincerely,

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¹ Air Toxics "Hot Spots" Information and Assessment Act of 1987

² Stationary sources include factories or manufacturing plants, power plants, shipyards, landfills, rock or asphalt plants, and other industrial, commercial and governmental operations that can emit air pollution

³ <https://bit.ly/Rule1210>

⁴ The noncancer health hazard index is calculated by dividing the estimated amount of emissions in the air emitted from a facility by the amount that is not expected to cause any health issues