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Port of San Diego:

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 this requirement in state law.

The following facility is required to notify all community members visiting Cesar Chavez Park where there is a potential health risk above thresholds established by APCD Rule 1210.

Facility Name: Continental Maritime of San Diego (CMSD)

Address: 1995 Bay Front Street, San Diego, CA 92113

Type of Business: Shipyard

Based on air emissions data in 2014 the APCD requested a health risk assessment from CMSD. The health risk assessment approved by the APCD in February of 2021 shows that the level of exposure to nickel may result in greater potential for adverse health impacts.

Specifically, the Health Risk Assessment shows the Maximum Acute Health Hazard Index at the Cesar Chavez public park is 1.85. The noncancer health hazard index is calculated by dividing the estimated level of exposure to chemicals emitted from a facility to the level of exposure that is not expected to cause any adverse health effects. If the hazard index is less than or equal to one, then the estimated level of exposure is not likely to result in adverse health effects for anyone, including sensitive individuals such as children and the elderly. A hazard index above one indicates that there may be greater potential for adverse health impacts from exposure to the toxic air contaminants of concern. A hazard index is calculated for acute short-term (one hour) exposure and chronic (long-term) exposure to air toxic contaminants from facility emissions.

APCD Rule 1210 requires public notification when any of the non-cancer health hazard indexes or cancer burden is greater than 1.

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@sdcountry.ca.gov](mailto:apcdengineering@sdcountry.ca.gov).



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For more information regarding the APCD's Air Toxics Hot Spots program, please contact the APCD at 858-586-2600 or via email [apcdengineering@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:apcdengineering@sdcounty.ca.gov).

For more information regarding the facility please contact the Environmental Health & Safety Supervisor at (619) 234-8851.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert C. Reider". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Robert C. Reider  
Interim Air Pollution Control Officer