



# San Diego County Air Pollution Control District

February 9, 2026

Dear Employee:

This letter is to let you know that you work in an area that has 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:      Signtech Electrical Advertising, Inc.  
Address:             4444 Federal Blvd  
                           San Diego, CA 92102  
Type of Business:   Sign Manufacturing

State law<sup>1</sup> protects your right to know about possible health risks from stationary sources<sup>2</sup> 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 (SDAPCD) is responsible for requiring public notifications, public meetings and risk reduction from such facilities per District Rule 1210<sup>3</sup>.

SDAPCD required a health risk assessment from Signtech based on their air toxic emissions from 2023. That health risk assessment shows that, in 2023, Signtech released air toxic emissions, primarily Parachlorobenzotrifluoride (PCBTF) from paint spray booths, that could increase the chances of getting cancer for people who work in the location with the highest concentrations of air toxic emissions by a maximum of 17 in one million. This represents the highest chance of getting cancer if a person is working at the same location and exposed to the maximum level of emissions for 25 years. PCBTF is a compound that was added to paints to replace harmful smog forming volatile organic compounds (VOCs) to comply with VOC limits in air quality rules, but which was recently identified as an air toxic.

SDAPCD Rule 1210 requires this facility to submit a risk reduction audit and plan to SDAPCD by May 25, 2026, to address elevated health risks potentially affecting neighboring businesses. You can stay updated about their plan by subscribing to SDAPCD GovDelivery through the following link: <https://bit.ly/SDAPCD-Updates> and clicking on the Air Pollution Control District News list.

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<sup>1</sup> Air Toxics "Hot Spots" Information and Assessment Act of 1987, Health and Safety Code sections 44360, et seq.

<sup>2</sup> 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

<sup>3</sup><https://bit.ly/Rule1210>

Please join us at a virtual public meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 8, 2026, at 5:00PM using the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/mw4hwd4a> if you have any questions or concerns. You can also reach out to the facility by contacting Mr. Jim Withrow at [JWithrow@signtech.com](mailto:JWithrow@signtech.com) or (619) 912-9428. The attached information sheet has additional helpful information about the Air Toxics Program. If you have any questions, please contact us at [APCDEngineering@sdapcd.org](mailto:APCDEngineering@sdapcd.org) or at (858) 586-2600.

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Air Pollution Control Officer