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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Matter 1212-40 SCAQMD v. City of Los Angeles (Hyperion Water Treatment Plant)
Attachments: SCAQMD Letter FInal_10.22.24.pdf

Chairperson Ali and Board Members,

Please accept the attached letter on behalf of the City of El Segundo on Matter No. 1212-40 SCAQMD v. City of Los Angeles (Hyperion Water Treatment Plant) - Abatement Order Hearing Board - November 19, 2024.

Thank you,

Darrell George
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City of El Segundo

Elected Officials

*Drew Boyles,
Mayor*

*Chris Pimentel,
Mayor Pro Tem*

*Carol Pirsztuk,
Councilmember*

*Lance Giroux,
Councilmember*

*Ryan Baldino,
Councilmember*

*Tracy Weaver,
City Clerk*

*Matthew Robinson,
City Treasurer*

Appointed Officials

*Darrell George,
City Manager*

*Mark D. Hensley,
City Attorney*

Department Directors

*Barbara Voss,
Deputy City Manager*

*Paul Chung,
Chief Financial Officer*

*Saul Rodriguez,
Police Chief*

*George Avery,
Fire Chief*

*Jose Calderon,
Information Technology*

*Aly Mancini,
Recreation, Parks, and
Library*

*Rebecca Redyk,
Human Resources*

*Michael Allen,
Community Development*

*Elias Sassoon,
Public Works*

Transmitted Via Email

October 22, 2024

South Coast Air Quality Management District
Honorable Chairperson Micah Ali and SCAQMD Hearing Board Members
21865 Copley Drive
Diamond Bar, CA 91765

Re: Matter No.1212-40 SCAQMD v. City of Los Angeles (Hyperion Water Treatment Plan) – Abatement Order Hearing Board –11/19/2024

Honorable Chairperson Micah Ali and Board Members,

The City of El Segundo has submitted prior letters to the Hearing Board regarding this matter and is once again writing to express our continued concerns regarding the ongoing health and odor issues created by the City of Los Angeles's failures to properly maintain and operate the Hyperion facility. Residents along with our Mayor voiced these concerns during the Abatement Order Modification Hearing on September 5, 2024.

We would like to thank the Board for acknowledging our previous letter and suggested modifications, along with requesting the presence of inspector Haynes at the upcoming November 19, 2024 hearing, and accepting all SCAQMD staff suggested modifications during the Abatement Order Modification Hearing on September 5, 2024.

We are respectfully requesting the following measures be considered by the Board, understanding that portions of our requests are currently included within the abatement order but have not been addressed. These suggested measures are critical to the ongoing health and safety of our community and the regulatory and environmental compliance of the facility.

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- 1) Implement Loading Improvements – Contrary to what was explained at the recent board hearing by Hyperion staff, the doors to the truck loading facilities are not kept closed while trucks are being loaded. Consequently, the City is respectfully requesting that the Board require Hyperion staff to ensure all doors to the truck loading facilities remain closed while trucks are being loaded. Short term suggestions include using smaller trucks that fit inside with doors shut, or building a movable/automated hopper so the hopper moves while the trucks are stationary (similar to agricultural operations).
- 2) Inspector Haynes – The City would like to respectfully request the Board to consider directing SCAQMD staff to re-assign Inspector Haynes to Hyperion. Inspector Haynes has been a long-time inspector of Hyperion, and therefore has critical historical context and intimate knowledge of the facility with a proven record of effectiveness.
- 3) Extension of Abatement Order – It is to be noted that prior to the unfortunate incident of July 11, 2021, SCAQMD had issued 7 NOVs to Hyperion since 1985. Since that July spill, 93 NOVs have been issued in the past 3 years. Consequently, the City would like to respectfully request that the Board not terminate abatement order No.1212-40 until such a time that odor complaints are reduced to a similar level prior to the July 11, 2021 incident, since the City of El Segundo residents and public depend on SCAQMD to make sure the air is safe for everyone to breathe.

As always, I am available to answer any questions you may have about these requests and thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Darrell George,
City Manager

Cc: El Segundo Honorable Mayor Boyles and City Council Members
South Coast Air Quality Management District Honorable Chair Delgado and Board Members
City of Los Angeles Honorable Mayor and Council Members
Elias Sassoon, El Segundo Public Works Director