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From: Clerk of Board
Sent: Thursday, September 5, 2024 10:01 AM
To: Micah Ali
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] URGENT: Please provide to board members prior to meeting 9/5

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From: Erin Falati [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 5, 2024 8:50 AM
To: Clerk of Board <clerkofboard@aqmd.gov>
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Dear Members of the Board,

I am not able to attend today's meeting regarding the abatement orders for Hyperion. However, I wanted to express my dire concern that Hyperion is not being operated the way every other water reclamation plant is expected and required to be operated. Since the last Board meeting several weeks ago, we (the residents) continue to experience daily odors and health issues resulting from the odors. It can smell like sulfur, sewage, bleach, deodorizer, unknown chemicals, etc. Sometimes I can't even identify what I'm smelling but my body reacts to whatever is in the air. It is miserable living here in El Segundo, especially for the residents that live on the west side of town closest to Hyperion. I submit odor complaints to AQMD almost daily, yet that doesn't affect change. I'm exhausted, angry, ill, and feel helpless that anyone can and will do anything to make our lives healthy and happy again.

Just this morning, I opened my door to walk my children to their elementary school approximately three blocks away. We were all immediately sickened by such a heavy stench of ammonia. We ran as fast as we could so I could get my children away from the chemicals, but when we got to their school it smelled heavily of sewage. There is no winning and this is our life.

Hyperion has taken down both Central and North monitors on their fence line at different times for "planned maintenance". When they bring the monitors back online, suddenly these monitors show undetectable levels of H₂S while the residents still experience the smell. The monitors clearly are not functioning correctly and no one seems to be doing anything about it.

My family spends our time at home feeling trapped and physically ill because of the constant odors released by Hyperion, and we spend any free time we have leaving town just to get fresh air and not feel sick. In my opinion, Hyperion really needs to be taken over by a third party as LA Sanitation has demonstrated time and again over the past 3+ years that they are not capable of operating and maintaining the plant.

Please help us.

Thank you,
Erin Falati
Resident of El Segundo