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**From:** Holly Shelton [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 30, 2024 10:18 AM  
**To:** Clerk of Board <[clerkofboard@aqmd.gov](mailto:clerkofboard@aqmd.gov)>  
**Cc:** Michal Haynes <[mhaynes@aqmd.gov](mailto:mhaynes@aqmd.gov)>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] letter from an El Segundo resident regarding the Hyperion

Dear Board of the AQMD,

Many of us in El Segundo are still suffering more than three years after the original disastrous spill at the Hyperion on 7.11.2021. We continue to experience the toxic smells and chemicals, like manure, rotten eggs and perfume coming from our neighbor from the west, The Hyperion. Equipment continues to break, last minute notices from Tanya Shelton (no relation) continue to come out with little warning about planned work on different equipment, which continues to malfunction. And that doesn't include the emergency situations when other repairs need to be done on old equipment. There are a lot of excuses and double talk.

Ever since they worked on the fence line monitors on 7.17.24, the central monitor is not accurately reading the H2S. It is historically low. The monitor is right by my house. I have complained about this several times when I make an odor complaint. There were also two days when the system was not available as the server of Montrose was down and we could not access the site. Those days did not coincide with the worldwide Microsoft outage.

I have lived on West Maple Ave, right next to the Hyperion, by the central monitor since 1990. I have never experienced the health issues and odors/chemicals that we have been experiencing since the original spill on 7.11.2021.

Life as we know it has changed for the worse. There is no quality of life. I can't garden in my yard because of the chemicals have impacted my health. It was one of my favorite things to do. I can't spend time relaxing outside in a lounge chair or spend time in my solarium because of the chemicals and smells make me (and many other residents) sick. I can't exercise outside or take walks in the neighborhood as it always smells. Friends and people coming over for business meetings have commented on the odors and some have felt ill while in the neighborhood. I am a prisoner in my own house. I can't open my windows for fresh air and make use of the new screens that were installed the day before the spill. My house is a humid hotbox. I have had to buy several air purifiers as the smells and chemicals enter my house. I have also had to purchase expensive dehumidifiers to keep the moisture at bay and avoid potential issues with mold and mildew. Those are expensive and need to have expensive filters replaced for an unknown amount of time and of course the electricity bills have skyrocketed.

I have mentioned before in meetings that anyone is welcome to stay in my house or in a tent in my yard and see what we are forced to put up with.

Hyperion continues to be non-compliant so please do not drop the AQMD citations and monitoring. THEY NEED TO BE ACCOUNTABLE and restore our air, health and lives to a healthy standard.

Many of us don't call the special line set up for the Hyperion as we have been forced to make the filing of complaints into a full time job. Once we detect an odor, we then report it to the AQMD, wait for someone to call back and we have to be home and meet the inspector outside of the house and smell the odor(s) while standing next to the inspector in order to have a complaint verified. I stopped phoning the special hotline for the Hyperion as I had to wait a long time and then have someone take my information and I rarely received acknowledgement from them regarding my complaint. I don't have the time to write down who I spoke to, what time of day I called and track the 96 hours they have to email me back. And then report that lack of communication to Inspector Haynes. The two times I did receive an email back from them, they said that they didn't detect any odors, while the inspector from the AQMD verified the odor. Why subject myself to that kind of behavior and spend more time on this. It's a full time job. I already have one, which is trying to run a company.

My father is 95 and should not have to be spending his time in these conditions. My cats and dog have also experienced the negative effects of exposure.

Please, AQMD as the regulatory agency – hold the Hyperion to a standard that promotes a healthy environment. The problem is far from over and I fear will continue for an unknown amount of time in the future.

Respectfully,  
Holly Shelton

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Attached are some screenshots of showing the differences of readings, with the central meter being very uncharacteristically low, of the meters not being updated for hours and of the 2 day period where the entire site was down

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1.5 ppb

# Central Monitoring Station

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Concentration

Last Updated

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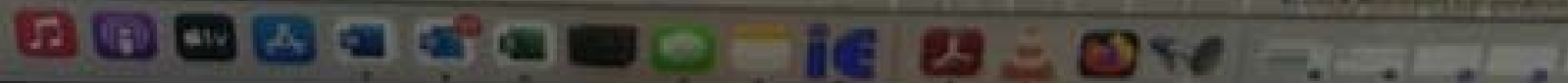
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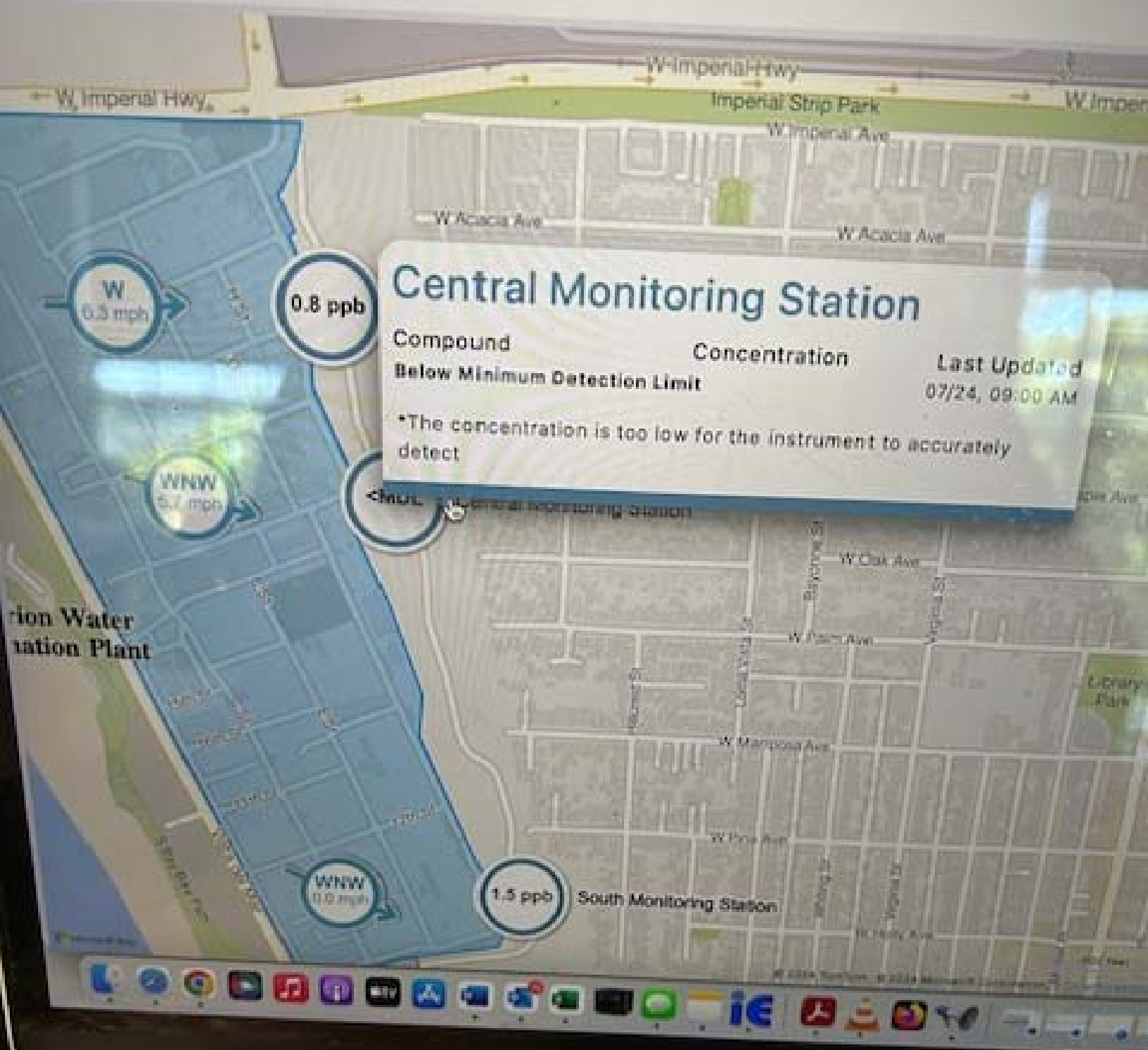
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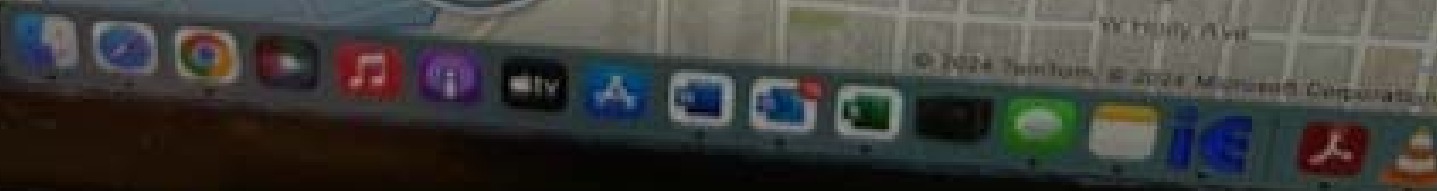
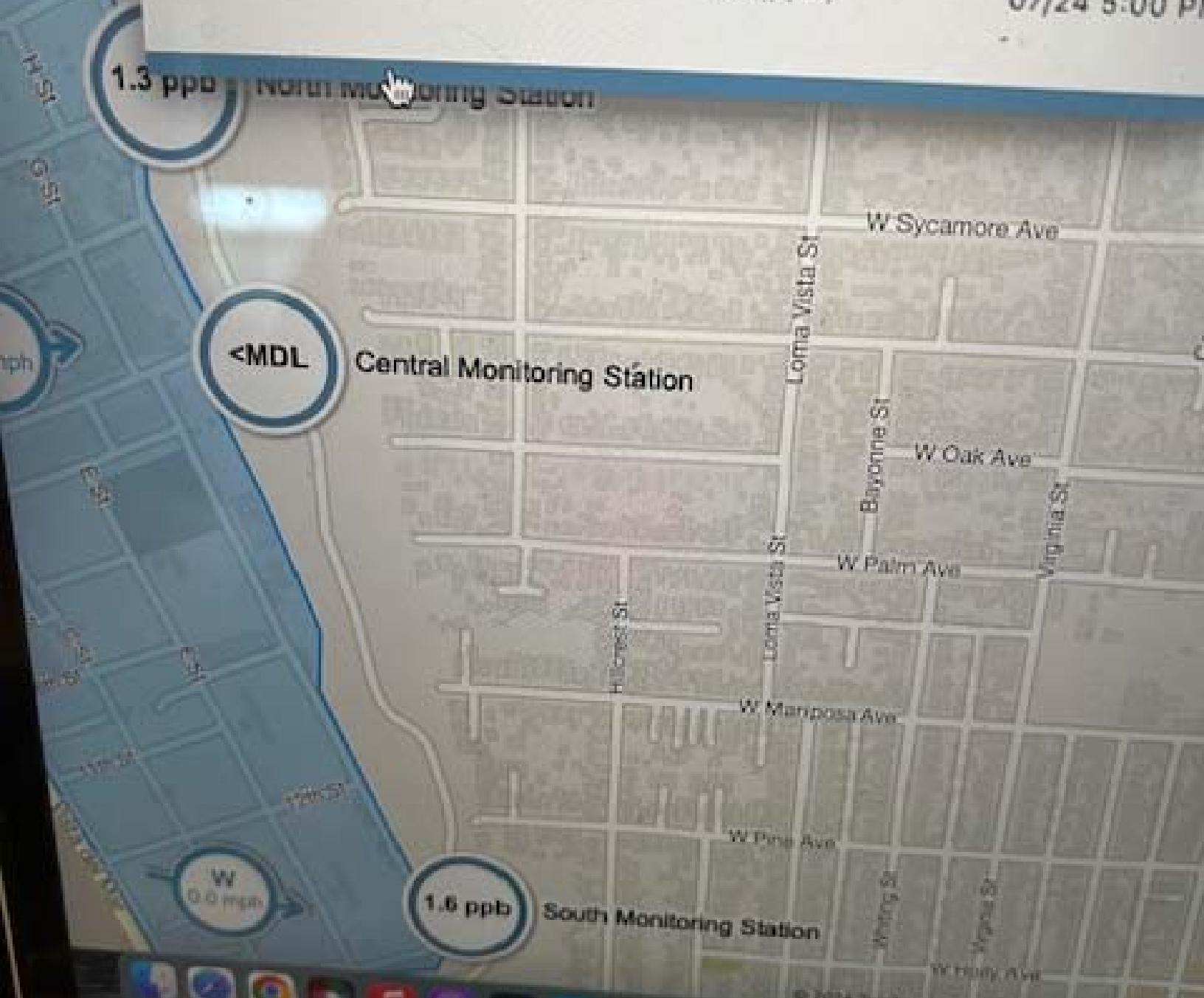


# North Monitoring Station

Compound  
H2S (PPB)

Concentration  
1.3 (ppb)

Last Update  
07/24 5:00 PM



# Central Monitoring Station

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Concentration

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07/24, 10:00 AM

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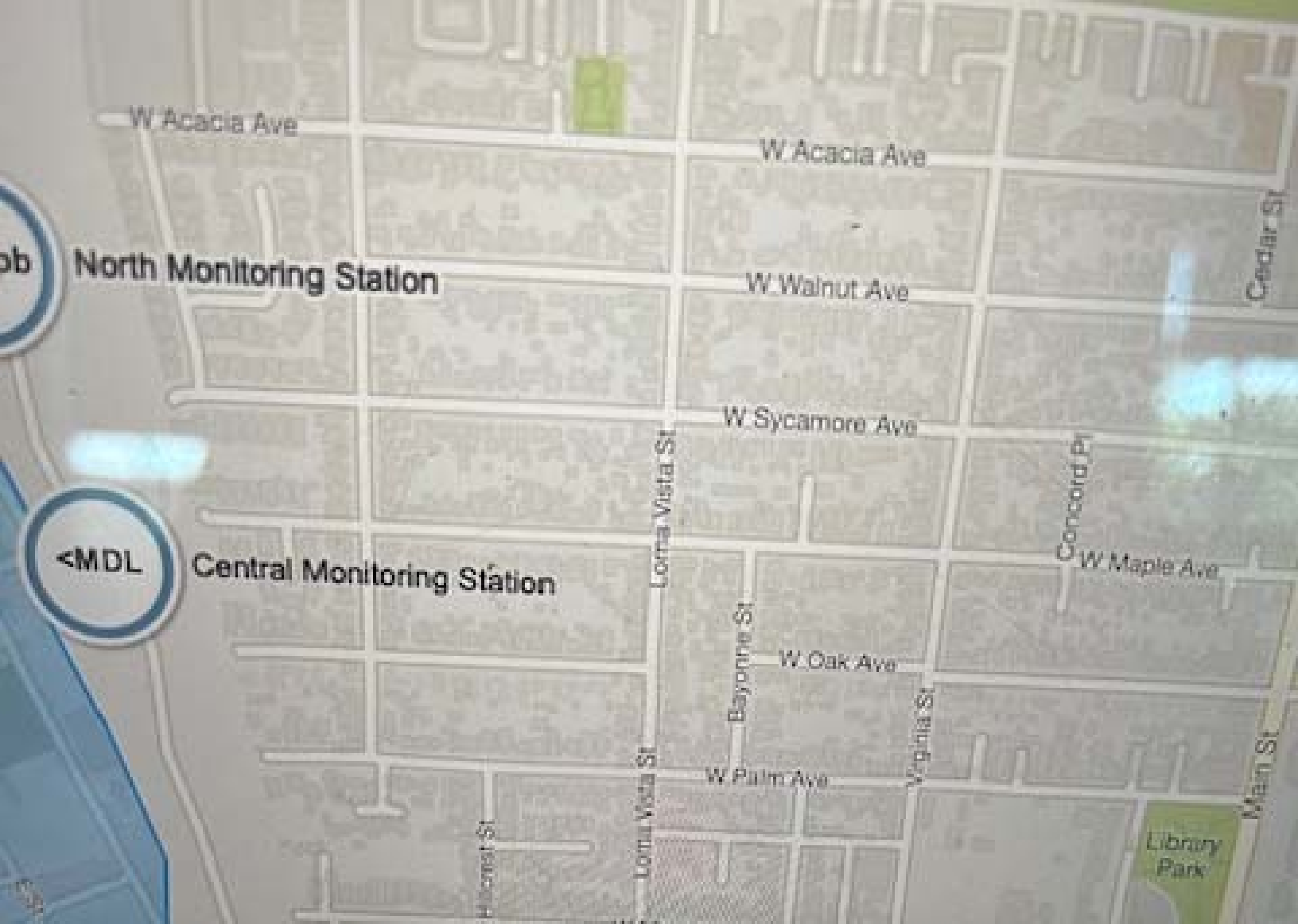
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South Monitoring Station

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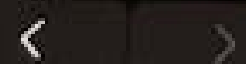
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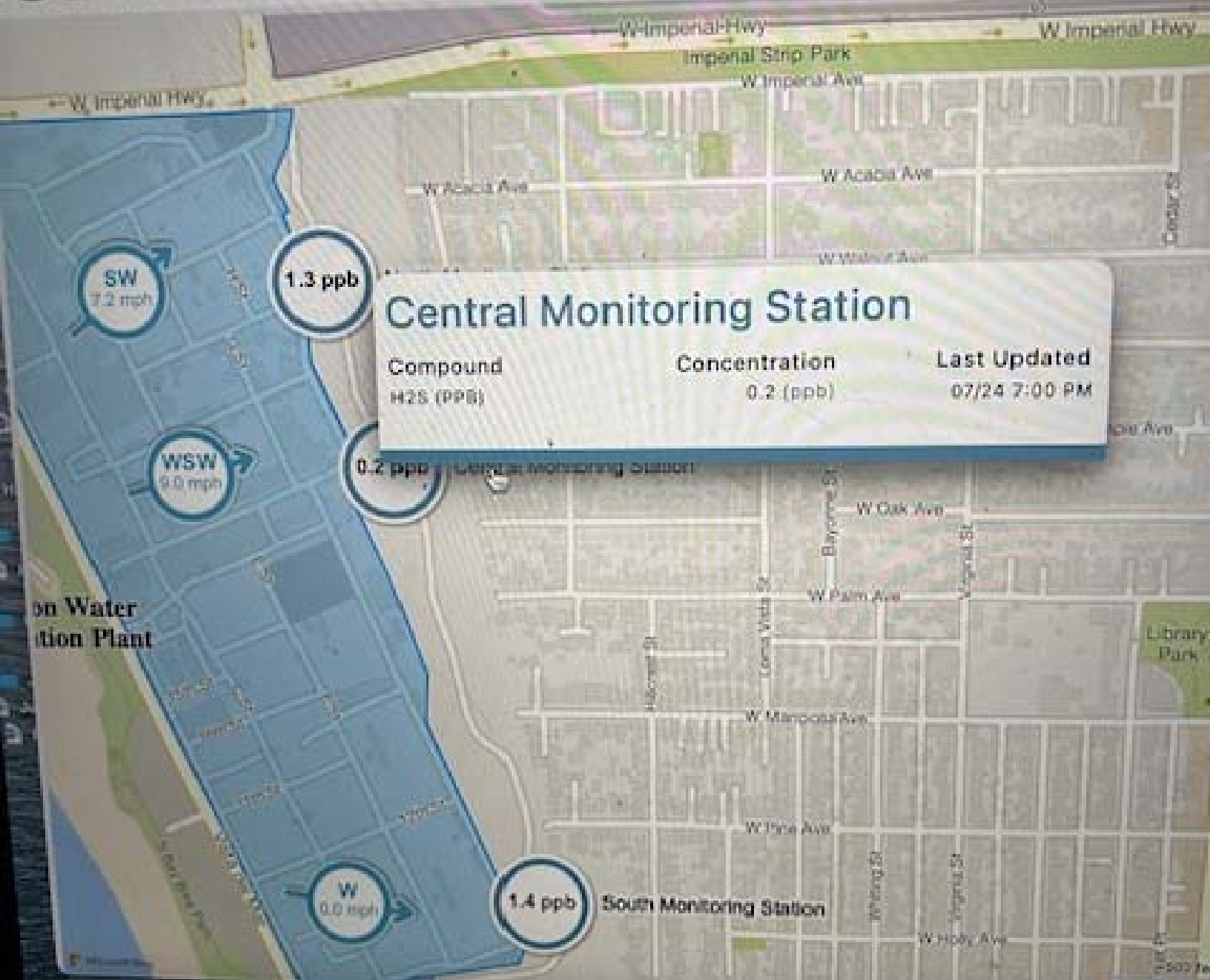
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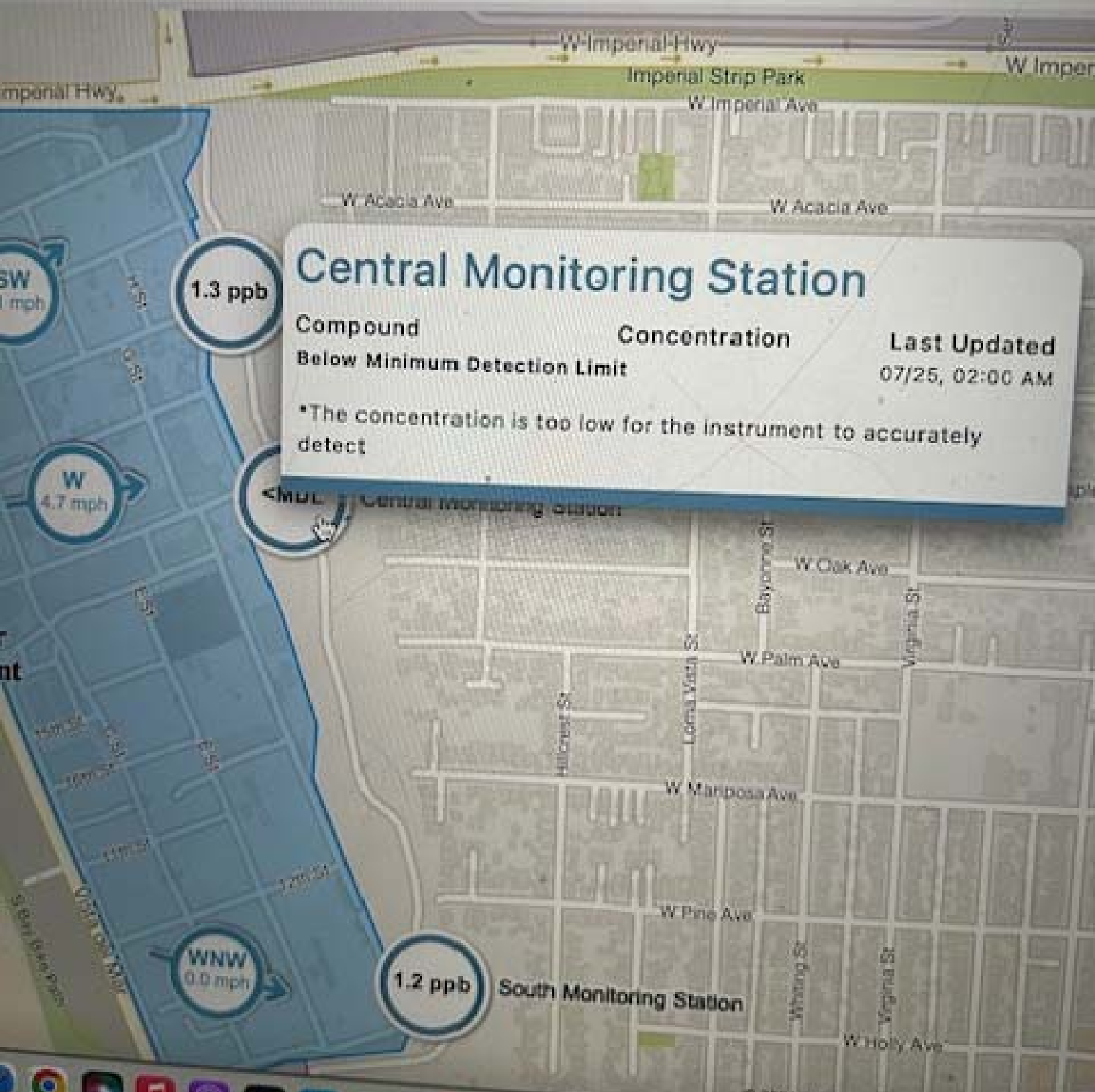
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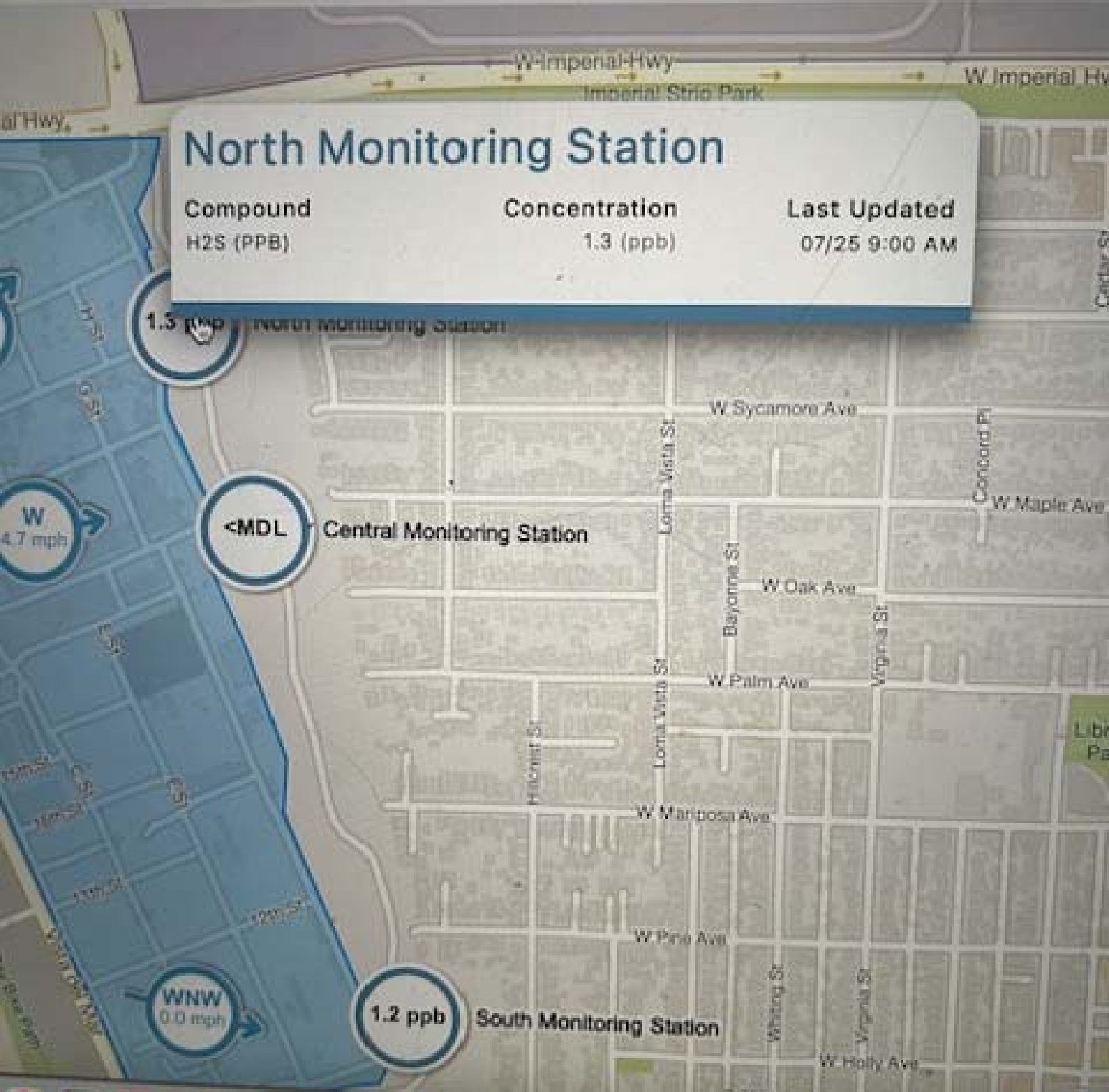
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1.2 ppb

South Monitoring Station

## North Monitoring Station

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H2S (PPB)	1.3 (ppb)	07/25 9:00 AM



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