

BOARD MEETING DATE: April 4, 2025

AGENDA NO. 12

REPORT: Hearing Board Report

SYNOPSIS: This reports the actions taken by the Hearing Board during the period of February 1 through February 28, 2025.

COMMITTEE: No Committee Review

RECOMMENDED ACTION:  
Receive and file.

Micah Ali  
Hearing Board Chair

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Attached are the following summaries: **February 2025 Hearing Board Cases, and Rules From Which Variances and Orders for Abatement Were Requested from February 1, 2025 through February 28, 2025.** The applicable South Coast AQMD Rules for February 2025 are also attached.

There was one appeal filed during the period of February 1, 2025 to February 28, 2025.

## Report of February 2025 Hearing Board Cases

Case Name and Case No. (South Coast AQMD Attorney)	Rules	Reason for Petition/Hearing	South Coast AQMD Position/Hearing Board Action	Type and Length of Variance or Order	Excess Emissions
1. Amazon.com Services LLC Case No. 6267-1 (M. Reichert)	203(b)	On 1/7/25, SCE implemented PSPS events across several counties in response to wildfires and weather conditions. Petitioner approached the 200-hour operating limit of their emergency generators, as a direct result of wildfires and weather conditions.	Not Opposed/Granted	Ex Parte variance granted commencing on 2/4/2025 and continuing for 30 days or until the IV hearing on 2/20/2025, whichever comes first.	CO: 69.86 lbs/day NOx: 234.53 lbs/day PM: 14.97 lbs/day
2. Amazon.com Services LLC Case No. 6267-1 (K. Roberts)	203(b)	On 1/7/25, SCE implemented PSPS events across several counties in response to wildfires and weather conditions. Petitioner approached the 200-hour operating limit of their emergency generators, as a direct result of wildfires and weather conditions.	Not Opposed/Granted	IV granted commencing on 2/20/2025 and continuing for 90 days or until the RV hearing on 4/23/2025, whichever comes first.	To be determined by the RV hearing on 4/23/2025
3. Baker Commodities, Inc. Case No. 6223-2 (N. Dwyer & D. Hsu)	415	The District filed a motion to strike and motion in limine are an effort to keep the record clear for the Permit Appeal.	Not Stipulated/Denied	Motion to Strike and Motion in Limine	N/A

Case Name and Case No. (South Coast AQMD Attorney)	Rules	Reason for Petition/Hearing	South Coast AQMD Position/Hearing Board Action	Type and Length of Variance or Order	Excess Emissions
4. CalPortland Company Case No. 3221-23 (K. Roberts)	203(b)	On 1/7/25, SCE implemented PSPS events across several counties in response to wildfires and weather conditions. Petitioner approached the 200-hour operating limit of their emergency generators, as a direct result of wildfires and weather conditions.	Not Opposed/Granted	IV granted commencing on 2/20/2025 and continuing for 90 days or until the RV hearing on 4/23/2025, whichever comes first.	To be determined by the RV hearing on 4/23/2025
5. LA-RICS Authority Case No. 6234-5 (K. Manwaring)	203(b)	On 1/7/25, SCE implemented PSPS events across several counties in response to wildfires and weather conditions. Petitioner approached the 200-hour operating limit of their emergency generators, as a direct result of wildfires and weather conditions.	Not Opposed/Granted	Ex Parte Variance granted commencing on 2/19/2025 and continuing for 30 days or until the Interim Variance hearing on 3/11/2025, whichever comes first	NOx+NMHC 30.70 lbs./day PM 1.10 lbs./day CO 7.26 lbs./day
6. South Coast AQMD vs. Valley Plating Works, Inc. Case No. 6259-1 (D. Hsu)	1426 1469 201 203(a) 203(b)	South Coast AQMD alleged, among other things, that Respondent failed to abide by housekeeping and best management practices.	Partially Stipulated/Issued	O/A issued. End date to be determined at next hearing on 6/23/2025	N/A

**Acronyms**

CO: Carbon Monoxide

HC: Hydrocarbons

IV: Interim Variance

MFCD/Ext: Modification of a Final Compliance Date and Extension of a Variance

Mod. O/A: Modification Order for Abatement

N/A: Not Applicable

NMHC: Nonmethane hydrocarbons

NOx: Oxides of Nitrogen

OA: Order for Abatement

PM: Particulate Matter

PSPS: Public Safety Power Shutoff

RATA: Relative Accuracy Test Audit

RHC: Reactive Hydrocarbons

RV: Regular Variance

SCE: Southern California Edison

SOx: Oxides of Sulfur

TBD: To Be Determined

VOC: Volatile Organic Compound

**Rules from which Variances and Orders for Abatement were Requested in 2025**

<b>Rules</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sept</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>Total Actions</b>
1134	1												1
1134(d)(3)	1												1
1426		1											1
1469		1											1
2004(f)	1												1
201		1											1
203(a)		1											1
203(b)	9	5											14
3002(c)(1)	3												3
415		1											1

**SOUTH COAST AQMD RULES AND REGULATIONS INDEX  
FOR 2025 HEARING BOARD CASES AS OF FEBRUARY 28, 2025**

**REGULATION II – PERMITS**

Rule 201 Permit to Construct

Rule 203 Permit to Operate

**REGULATION IV - PROHIBITIONS**

Rule 415 Odors from Rendering Facilities

**REGULATION XI – SOURCE SPECIFIC STANDARDS**

Rule 1134 Emissions of Oxides of Nitrogen from Stationary Gas Turbines

**REGULATION XIV - TOXICS AND OTHER NON-CRITERIA POLLUTANTS**

Rule 1426 Emissions from Metal Finishing Operations

Rule 1469 Hexavalent Chromium Emissions from Chromium Electroplating and Chromic Acid Anodizing Operations

**REGULATION XX – REGIONAL CLEAN AIR INCENTIVES MARKET (RECLAIM)**

Rule 2004 Requirements

**REGULATION XXX – TITLE V PERMITS**

3002 – Requirements