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Violations Issued to Flavorings Company for Odors Impacting Residents in City Terrace, Failure to Have Necessary Permit

DIAMOND BAR—The South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) recently issued three Notices of Violation (NOVs) to Mutual Flavors, a division of American Fruit and Flavors in City Terrace, an unincorporated area of East Los Angeles, for causing odors that impacted the public and for failure to properly permit equipment.

On November 10 and December 7, South Coast AQMD received public complaints of artificial sweet, burnt candy-type odors. Inspectors were dispatched and, on both days, confirmed the odors, tracing them to the facility. The investigation found that the odors were caused by mixing and filling stations operated by the company to produce flavorings used in popular beverages. NOVs were issued to Mutual Flavors for causing a public nuisance on each date, in violation of the agency's Rule 402 and California Health & Safety Code Section 41700.

Additionally, South Coast AQMD issued a separate NOV to the company on November 17. A previous facility inspection found that equipment at the facility was processing solvents containing Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) in quantities that require air quality permits. The company is required to properly permit its equipment.

NOVs can result in civil penalties. In some cases, the company can choose to implement voluntary measures to reduce emissions or otherwise prevent further violations. If no settlement is reached, a civil lawsuit may ultimately be filed in superior court.

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