

(March 4, 2024)

ATTENTION: PARENTS OR GUARDIANS OF CHILDREN ATTENDING IMPERIAL BEACH CHARTER SCHOOL AND MAR VISTA HIGH SCHOOL, NEIGHBORING RESIDENTS & BUSINESSES

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE A PERMIT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF

AN EMERGENCY BACK-UP GENERATOR

This notice is to inform you that an application has been filed with the San Diego Air Pollution Control District (SDAPCD) by South Bay Union School District for a Permit to Construct and Operate an emergency standby engine to provide backup electricity in case of power outages to be located at 601 Elm Ave, Imperial Beach, CA 91932.

You are receiving this notice because state law requires local air pollution control districts, such as SDAPCD, to notify certain individuals prior to approving construction of any equipment that may increase toxic air contaminant emissions within 1,000 feet of a school. The notice is sent to all addresses within 1,000 feet of the equipment and parents or guardians of children attending any schools located within a quarter mile radius of the equipment. The law also requires the SDAPCD to consider any public comments before approving the permit for construction of this equipment.

Toxic air contaminants are chemicals in the form of gases, liquids, or particles that are emitted into the atmosphere and, when individuals are exposed to them, may cause adverse health effects. The emergency standby engine burns diesel fuel and operates during power outages, as well as for no more than a maximum of 50 hours per year for maintenance and testing. Burning of diesel fuel creates air pollution, such as diesel particulates, which is a toxic air contaminant. The proposed engine is certified by the US Environmental Protection Agency to meet the required emission standards.

The SDAPCD is committed to improving air quality to protect public health and the environment by applying and enforcing local, state and federal air quality rules and regulations in San Diego County. The proposed project has been evaluated by the SDAPCD and is expected to operate in compliance with all applicable air quality rules and regulations.

Written comments concerning the air quality issues associated with the SDAPCD's proposed action may be submitted to SDAPCD by (April 9, 2024). Please refer to Application No. APCD2023-APP-007801 on all correspondence regarding this project. The SDAPCD's evaluation of this application and proposed permit conditions are available on the SDAPCD's website at: https://www.sdapcd.org/content/sdapcd/permits/public-notices.html. Questions regarding this notice may be directed to the SDAPCD's Engineering Division at (858) 586-2600 or APCDEngineering@sdapcd.org.

Sincerely,

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