

**AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT  
COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO**

**AIR TOXICS “HOT SPOTS” INFORMATION AND  
ASSESSMENT ACT  
2018 ANNUAL REPORT**

**WORKSHOP REPORT**

The San Diego County Air Pollution Control District (District) conducted a public workshop on August 15, 2019, to present and receive comments regarding the 2018 Air Toxics “Hot Spots” Information and Assessment Act Program Report (Report). Sixty-seven (67) hard copy notices were mailed to facilities subject to the Air Toxics “Hot Spots” Information and Assessment Act Program (Program). Three thousand twenty-seven (3,027) notices were emailed to subscribers of the District’s electronic notification service. Eight (8) notices were emailed to attendees from the 2018 workshop. Notices were mailed to all Economic Development Corporations and Chambers of Commerce in San Diego County, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the California Air Resources Board (ARB), and other interested parties. The workshop was attended by 23 people.

Workshop questions and comments are addressed below.

**1. WORKSHOP COMMENT**

How many facilities have completed their health risk assessment (HRA) using the new Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) HRA guidelines?

**DISTRICT RESPONSE**

Eleven facilities completed their HRAs and submitted them to the District. All of these HRAs were required to use the new OEHHA HRA guidelines.

**2. WORKSHOP COMMENT**

How many facilities are currently required to submit an HRA?

**DISTRICT RESPONSE**

A total of eleven HRAs were required to be submitted to the District. Two of these HRAs have been finalized. Nine are currently under District review.

**3. WORKSHOP COMMENT**

How do you notify facilities that are required to submit an HRA?

**DISTRICT RESPONSE**

Via certified mail, the Toxics Engineering group provides a letter to the facility informing them of their HRA requirement. Typically, the same contact person who was mailed the Emissions Inventory data requests is also mailed the HRA requirement letter.

**4. WORKSHOP COMMENT**

When presenting the emissions from stationary sources in comparison to area and mobile sources, the Report tends to minimize the stationary source emissions as being less of a concern when compared to mobile and area sources. The District should consider a way to put the stationary source emissions in context of “Hot Spots” and why they are important, as these emissions are not distributed equally throughout the County, like mobile and area sources. Stationary source emissions can be concentrated in one spot and be toxic enough to present a health hazard to people down wind. Additionally, the Report could also mention that some of the mobile source emissions are caused by stationary sources – they are not completely separate.

**DISTRICT RESPONSE**

Figure 1 and Appendix A are the only places in the Report where the stationary source emissions are shown alongside mobile, area and natural sources, simply to inform the public of the total amount of toxic air contaminants emitted. The Air Toxics “Hot Spots” Program identifies the individual stationary sources that may cause elevated health risks but does not look at the potential effect of multiple sources on a specific receptor. However, this is an area of work the District is considering looking into in the future. Additionally, the California Air Resources Board is looking into showing the contributions from various sources as part of its online Pollution Mapping Tool ([https://ww3.arb.ca.gov/ei/tools/pollution\\_map/](https://ww3.arb.ca.gov/ei/tools/pollution_map/)), although only limited data is currently shown.

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