

# Western Riverside AQMD Town Hall Meeting

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# SCAQMD Background



## Key Air Pollutants

#### Historic

- Smog (Ozone)
- Fine Particulate (PM2.5)
- Air Toxics (Carcinogens)

## Emerging

Climate Change (Greenhouse Gases)

# New Emission Reductions Needed

- CA Carbon Reduction Goals (from 1990)
  ↓17% by 2020
  ↓80% by 2050
- 24-Hour PM2.5 / 8-Hr. Ozone Standards
  ↓70% NOx
- New 8-Hour Ozone Standard
   ♥90% NOx

# Airborne Hexavalent Chromium in the Western Riverside Area



### 2005 Hexavalent Chromium Emissions in the South Coast Air Basin



# Hexavalent Chromium MATES-III





## **Initial Actions**

- Examined permit records and surveyed area for potential hexavalent chromium sources
- No major hexavalent chromium sources found
- Reports and literature did NOT indicate that emissions of hexavalent chromium from cement facilities were significant

### Wind Analysis at Western Riverside Monitoring Station

- Most frequent wind direction is from the West
- However, higher levels of hexavalent chromium are measured when wind blows from the Northeast
- The cement production facilities are located over two miles to the Northeast

# **Deposition Plate Deployment**

- Glass plates placed to collect falling particles
- A good survey tool for covering a wide area
- Not used for determining true atmospheric concentrations
- Three rounds of deployment in the area
  Jan, Feb, Mar
- All three rounds showed higher hexavalent chromium content of deposited particles near Riverside Cement



### Extensive Sweep of the Area for Other Hexavalent Chromium Sources

- More than 50 square mile area around Riverside Cement
- Identified 444 regulated or potentially regulated sources
- None had hexavalent chromium emissions at levels that would lead to the observed monitored concentrations



### **Emissions Tests**

- White cement production facility Kiln stack tested on March 19 - 21, 2008
  - Very low levels of hexavalent chromium emitted
  - Not enough to account for levels observed at offsite monitoring locations

# Material Samples from Riverside Cement

- Collected samples from Riverside Cement Facility
  - Soil
  - Finished product
  - Clinker storage piles
  - Bag-house fall-out
- Higher levels of hexavalent chromium found in gray cement materials
- Not enough to produce observed concentrations at sampling sites

#### Gray Clinker Storage Piles





# **Upon Further Analysis...**

- Separated larger pieces of storage pile gray clinker from fine dust material using a sieve
- Fine dust showed much higher hexavalent chromium content
- Fine dust is more likely to become airborne and blow offsite
- Observed concentrations at sampling sites now within the range of model predictions

	Bulk	Sieved
	samples	Samples
		(<44 µm)
	Cr+6	Cr+6
Location	(ppb)	(ppb)
Bay A surface	500	
Bay A sub-surface	750	<b>3980</b>
Bay B surface	800	<b>3350</b>
Bay B sub-surface	870	
Bay H surface	1320	<b>6830</b>
Bay H sub-surface	2030	
Bay I surface	1140	2070
Bay I sub-surface	1120	
Bay J surface	1670	<b>15000</b>
Bay J sub-surface	1740	

# Fingerprinting

 Microscopically examined gray clinker fine dust and particles on the deposition plates

#### **Gray Clinker Fine Dust**

#### Deposition Plate Adjacent to Riverside Cement





# More Fingerprinting

Add 8250.00

Operations: Y Scale Add 6416.6t

- X-Ray Diffraction (XRD) to measure chemical composition and crystal structure
- Calcium hydroxide a marker for fine clinker dust
- Found on deposition plates nearer facility



Operations: Y Scale Add 11000.(

13-0272 (N) - Calcium Magnesiu

# **Dust Emissions (PM10)**

#### Average PM10 from 3/26 - 4/9, 2008



## **Cancer Risk**

- Lifetime cancer risk based on 70 years of continuous exposure
- Basinwide average is ~1200 in one million
- Only 7 weeks of data collected to date
- Immediately adjacent to the site – 350 to 500 in one million
- Similar to risk levels found next to a busy freeway, a rail yard or a chrome plating facility

#### Hexavalent Chromium Regulatory Levels and Monitored Levels



# **Next Steps**

- Aggressive action to reduce the hexavalent chromium emissions from Riverside Cement and lower the risk levels in the community around the facility
  - Notices of Violation for visible dust emissions
  - Potentially modify permit requirements
  - New regulation, specific to cement production facilities, limiting hexavalent chromium emissions
  - Continued and additional sampling in the community for hexavalent chromium and dust (PM10)
  - Ongoing field surveillance and inspections