



# Ongoing Demands

## Guidelines to Clean Up Pacific Steel

The West Berkeley Alliance for Clean Air and Safe Jobs continues to demand action like the following to defend clean air and safe jobs around Pacific Steel Casting Company.

### Pacific Steel Casting Company

The West Berkeley Alliance for Clean Air and Safe Jobs (Alliance) demands that Pacific Steel Casting Company (PSC) do the following:

- Work under the supervision of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) to develop and implement, at all three plants that comprise PSC, without delay, a **comprehensive Toxic Use Reduction (TUR)** process.
- Immediately **become fully transparent** regarding all agreements and plans with the BAAQMD and/or the City of Berkeley, including those which are preexisting and forthcoming.
- Implement best practices as well as fully modernize throughout PSC, following the comprehensive TUR process the Alliance advocates. This includes changes to **fully capture and control emissions** from all operations.

### City of Berkeley

The West Berkeley Alliance for Clean Air and Safe Jobs demands that the City of Berkeley do the following:

- **Enact the recommendations made by the CEAC**, including those which the City Council approved several years ago.
- **Become fully transparent** and participatory regarding all agreements and plans with the BAAQMD and/or PSC, including those which are preexisting and forthcoming.
- Pressure PSC, via **stringent use permit conditions**, to work with the BAAQMD (and consult with the Massachusetts Toxic Use Reduction Institute) to implement a comprehensive Toxic Use Reduction program at the three PSC plants. As per comprehensive TUR, **insure that all stakeholders have a place at the table** when plans are developed and implemented.
- Enforce right of way laws to **prevent violations of public property by PSC**.

### Bay Area Air Quality Management District

The West Berkeley Alliance for Clean Air and Safe Jobs urges the BAAQMD Board of Directors to adopt all of the recommendations made in the final report by the Advisory Council at the meetings on Air Quality and Public Health. Specifically, the Alliance demands that the

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BAAQMD Board of Directors take all necessary steps to monitor pollution better, regulate polluters better, and provide a better user experience:

- Integrate consideration of both fine and coarse PM into all Air District programs, including the CARE Program, and **establish PM fine and PM coarse health-based action levels for permitting.**
- Review current rules to **identify potential gaps in permitting** related to the establishment of PM action levels noted above, including non major sources.
- Develop additional new source and existing source rules which **use a cumulative impacts approach to limiting health risk** at the geographic scale of one or several city blocks.
- Conduct additional **studies along freeway corridors and in areas impacted by multiple pollution sources**, including localized saturation monitoring studies such as the CARE Program West Oakland Measurement Study.
- Require “hot spot” analysis of regional projects (roadway expansion), and/or coordinate with transportation project sponsors who may be responsible to conduct “hot spot” analysis.
- Implement **expanded air quality modeling beyond identified toxic hot spots** (to include nearby roadway areas).
- **Develop an indirect source inventory for the Bay Area** that identifies both small and large indirect sources of pollution
- Present **air pollution data in simple, understandable language and format** and make it easily available to community stakeholders
- Work with local Public Health Departments to **engage community residents on air pollution issues, and use participatory methods**, like the CARE Program West Oakland On-road Diesel Truck Survey, to better assess localized impact.
- Develop **land use best practices for local planning agencies to reduce air pollution** and greenhouse gases and increase technical assistance on methods for Environmental Impact Review processes, hot spot analyses, and mitigation strategies.
- Add a Health Officer position to the BAAQMD staff, similar to the position at the South Coast AQMD. The Health Officer could provide guidance on decision making, act as a community liaison, **monitor health outcomes related to air quality**, and assist local governments with land use planning strategies that reduce air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions.
- Enhance enforcement, **aggressively enact pollution reduction plans**, and intensively monitor implementation of those plans in impacted areas. (The Massachusetts Toxic Use Reduction Institute is a resource for reduction best practices).
- Establish more **stringent requirements for large and small point sources in overburdened communities, including grandfathered sources.**
- Adopt the use of the **most health protective risk levels** to be used in health risk assessments, such as those from the ATSDR.
- Investigate what limits the BAAQMD’s ability to regulate mobile sources, and **propose changes to the law to increase efforts** in this area.
- **Revise complaint guidelines** to make them “user friendly” for complainants and impose increasingly stiff penalties on “repeat polluters” for **effective violation deterrence.**
- Implement **24/7 inspector availability** near repeat polluters.

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