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## **Air District settlement with Schnitzer Steel to reduce air emissions in West Oakland**

*Company to invest in pollution controls to improve air quality in surrounding community*

**SAN FRANCISCO** – The Bay Area Air Quality Management District and Schnitzer Steel have entered into a compliance and settlement agreement to resolve emissions exceedances from metal shredding operations at Schnitzer Steel’s Oakland metal shredding facility.

Under the agreement, Schnitzer Steel will: (1) install and commence operating equipment to abate the precursor organic compound emissions by December 31, 2022; and (2) pay \$500,000 in civil penalties to resolve the emissions violation, with \$100,000 waived if it completes the abatement project by the end of December 2022. If Schnitzer Steel fails to complete the project by the end of December 2022, it must pay additional civil penalties.

“This settlement will result in significant reductions in air contaminant emissions and related health risks from Schnitzer Steel’s shredding operations,” said Jack Broadbent, executive officer of the Air District. “Strict oversight and increased pollution controls are necessary to protect air quality and safeguard the health of neighbors in surrounding communities.”

The Schnitzer Steel facility in West Oakland is a scrap metal recycling and metal shredding operation occupying approximately 26.5 acres adjacent to the Oakland Inner Harbor waterfront and the Port of Oakland. Bulk scrap is delivered to the facility by both rail and truck. The processed ferrous scrap is stockpiled at the facility until loaded at the facility’s docks into cargo ships.

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District is the regional agency responsible for protecting air quality and the global climate in the nine-county Bay Area. Connect with the Air District via [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and [YouTube](#).

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