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Air District fines Bimbo Bakeries \$162,000 for air quality violations

SAN FRANCISCO – The Bay Area Air Quality Management District announced today that Bimbo Bakeries, USA Inc., has agreed to pay \$162,000 to settle air quality violations that occurred at its facility in South San Francisco. The penalty resolves two notices of violation issued to Bimbo Bakeries, USA Inc.

This settlement resolves a violation for failure to conduct annual required emissions source tests on their boilers for \$150,000 for 5 years (2016-2019 and 2021), and a one-day, carbon monoxide exceedance violation for \$12,000, comprising the global settlement of \$162,000.

"Ensuring compliance with air quality regulations is essential for protecting public health and air quality," said Dr. Philip Fine, executive officer of the Air District. "We take these violations seriously and use our enforcement actions to best protect nearby communities and improve air quality throughout the Bay Area."

The Air District issues Notices of Violation when facilities violate a specific air quality regulation or rule. Violators are generally required to respond to the notice within 10 days and submit a description of the actions they will take to correct the problem. These actions can include shutting down certain operations immediately or changing operations or equipment to come into compliance.

The <u>Bay Area Air Quality Management District</u> is the regional agency responsible for protecting air quality in the nine-county Bay Area. Connect with the Air District via <u>X/Twitter</u>, <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Instagram</u> and <u>YouTube</u>.

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