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California Air Resources Board

23-5-2: Public Hearing to Consider the Proposed Amendments to the Airborne Toxic Control Measure for Chromium Electroplating and Chromic Acid Anodizing Operations

Dear CARB Board:

On behalf of the Coalition For A Safe Environment (CFASE) and et al undersigned community organizations we are submitting our written public comments in support of CARB adopting new amendments to the Airborne Toxic Control Measure for Chromium Electroplating and Chromic Acid Anodizing Operations including the phase out of hexavalent chromium.

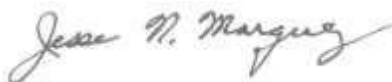
Our Environmental Justice Organizations supports:

1. The need for decorative chrome plated products made using highly toxic chemicals such as hexavalent chromium is not a life supporting need or a product functioning requirement.
2. The phase-out of highly toxic chemicals such as hexavalent chromium with safer and available alternative chemicals such as trivalent chromium is a priority now and should be phased out by 2025, not in 2030.
3. CARB should work with the DOD's Strategic Environmental Research Defense Program (SERDP) to investigate alternative metal coatings that can replace hexavalent chromium.

4. CARB needs to adopt a chrome plating industry Mitigation Fee for every pound of hexavalent chromium used and the creation of a Mitigation Fund to address public health exposure, public health impacts and environmental impacts.
5. CARB needs to adopt new stricter air quality safety standards for the decorative chrome plating industry to prevent public exposure, public health and environmental impacts.
6. CARB needs to adopt new stricter worker safety standards for the decorative chrome plating industry to prevent worker exposure and public health impacts.
7. Cities and counties in the past have allowed decorative chrome plating companies to be located adjacent too and near public schools, residential areas, public sidewalks, community commercial and retail business centers.
8. The decorative chrome plating industry should have Fenceline Air Quality Monitoring just like the oil refining industry to assure compliance with state and federal air quality requirements.

Please join us in our fight for better quality of life, environmental justice, reduced air pollution, decreasing greenhouse gases emissions, social equity, and improved public health.

Sincerely,



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