

HEALTH, EDUCATION AND NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS COMMITTEE
REPORT relative to the priority ranking of potential sites that could have excessive levels of Chromium-6 and related matters.

Recommendations for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Ryu - Buscaino - Wesson):

1. DIRECT the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Sanitation (BOS), Industrial Waste Management Division to use the established methodology in determining the priority ranking of potential sites that could be emitting excessive levels of Hexavalent Chromium and to conduct audits of the 39 Chrome Plating facilities.
2. DIRECT the BOS, Industrial Waste Management Division to perform canvassing activities of 502 Metal Processing facilities to determine if these facilities perform operations that have the potential to release Hexavalent Chromium fugitive emissions.
3. DIRECT the BOS, Industrial Waste Management Division to hold a LA Industry Business Symposium for Metal Finishing, Electroplating and Metal Processing facilities in February of 2018. The symposium will offer sustainable strategies to the businesses to employ a Green Chemistry framework and its 12 principles to support the people, planet and profit (3Ps) in sustaining community vitality and reducing exposure from hexavalent chromium. LA Industry aims to promote life cycle thinking in metal finishing, processing and electroplating related planning processes; reduce the generation of hazardous substances in chemical design, manufacturing processes, product use, and disposal. With this cradle-to-grave solution, businesses are protecting air and water quality and the economic infrastructure that supports it.
4. DIRECT the BOS, Regulatory Affairs Division to participate in the development of South Coast Air Quality Management District proposed changes to Rule 1469 (Hexavalent Chromium Emissions from Chrome Plating and Chromic Acid Anodizing Operations) regarding Hexavalent Chromium fugitive emission practices and requirements to eliminate human health risks and exposures.
5. DIRECT the BOS, Regulatory Affairs Division to request participation as a member of the SCAQMD working committee charged with implementing the Air Toxics Action Plan.
6. DIRECT the BOS to work with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health to identify and study residential communities, schools, and parks within 1,000 feet of identified metal plating facilities to determine if any have experienced a higher than average occurrence of lung cancer, nasal cancer, or other listed causes such as asthma, nasal ulcerations, and dermatitis.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

(Also referred to the Energy, Climate Change, and Environmental Justice Committee.)

Summary:

On November 28, 2017, the Health, Education and Neighborhood Councils Committee considered a November 16, 2017 BOS report relative to the priority ranking of potential sites that could have excessive levels of Chromium-6 and related matters.

After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the November 16, 2017 BOS report, as amended and detailed in the above recommendations. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

HEALTH, EDUCATION AND NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS COMMITTEE

MEMBER VOTE

RYU: YES
CEDILLO: ABSENT
WESSON: YES

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