

**Come to the Scoping Meeting to determine the scope of the upcoming
EIR (Environmental Impact Report) on
Central Metal's proposed expansion
May 29, 2013 6:30pm Walnut Park Elementary School**



Neighbors have observed multiple violations of conditions required by Central Metal (CM's) current Conditional Use Permit (CUP). These include expanding the facility footprint to multiple acres, operating beyond approved hours, and excess truck traffic.

The county is deciding about issuing CM's new CUP for expanded operations. It is important for the community to let regulators know that you want them to fully analyze the impacts of CM operations! The County can set strong new conditions for operating, or could even deny approval for a new CUP.

The County is in the process of developing an Environmental Impact Report. The Scoping workshop is the first step, and the County will take input from neighbors on the "scope" of the EIR.

The EIR must describe the project, the existing conditions, and the potential impacts of the project. Although neighbors have complained for years about this facility, it is extremely important for neighbors to let officials know up to date information about what it is like to live near this facility, so they can do a good job of deciding whether to allow this expansion and grant the new permit.

NEIGHBORS HAVE REPORTED: Bad odors, metallic taste in mouth, loud noises, severe vibrations, bad truck traffic.

GOVERNMENT INVESTIGATIONS FOUND MANY VIOLATIONS: including illegal storage of hazardous waste, contaminated soil piles, failure to minimize hazardous and oily runoff, improper electronic & appliance handling, and unpermitted expansion of operations.

WHAT ARE OTHER POTENTIAL IMPACTS?

- **Potential lead & other metal emissions:** Lead is a powerful neurotoxin very harmful to children's brains and to many body functions for children and adults including kidneys and the central nervous system. Lead and other harmful metals have been reported in air samples near facilities like Central Metal elsewhere in the state.
- **VOC & diesel air emissions:** Volatile Organic Compound emissions and diesel particulates from engines & equipment can cause breathing difficulties and cancer.
- **If plastics & electronics aren't properly removed, they can cause dioxin formation if melted or burned:** Dioxins cause cancer and reproductive harm.
- **Ozone layer destruction:** Central Metal has been known to store refrigerators, which often have Hydrochlorofluorocarbons (HCFCs) which can be released with improper handling.
- **Many other chemicals (including radioactive wastes)** have been found in other metal recycling facilities when wastes were not properly sorted.

LOCAL AUTO DISMANTLER NEEDS IMMEDIATE CLEAN UP!

BACKGROUND:

CM is scrap metal processing and recycling company that buys and sells metals domestically and internationally.

(www.centralmetalinc.com) CM's website states it processes ≈150,000 tons of metals/year & can process large buses, house trailers, fire engines, and rail cars. Large items are cut and dismantled with torches; metals are sorted (iron, steel, aluminum), compressed, sheared into blocks, and loaded onto containers for export to China. (AQMD PRA, 2009 letter to Molina from Wallerstein.)

Between 15-20 containers of compressed scrap are shipped by rail.



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Currently the area is categorized as a Major Industrial zone, but residential areas are nearby. To the west is the Southern Pacific Railroad right of way and Alameda Street; to the north are residential and industrial sites, to the east commercial and residential areas. The conditional use permit (CUP) only allows CM to operate on 4 of the 12 acres it owns; neighbors and others report that in the past it has illegally operated on much more than 4 acres. Central Metal has applied for a new CUP to allow it to operate on 12 acres—3 times its current size! Multiple schools are within a 2-mile radius.

Come to the public scoping meeting!

Tell the county your experiences with this facility! Let them know you want them to do a thorough environmental analysis on potential harmful impacts of granting the Conditional Use Permit.

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