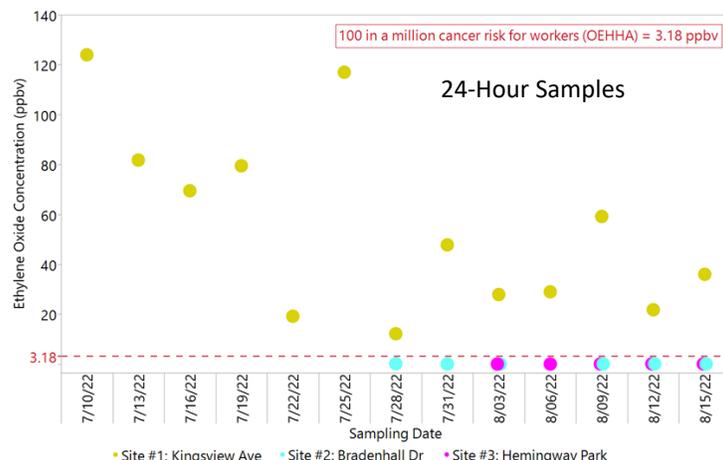


# COMMUNITY UPDATE – August 30, 2022

## Release of Hazardous Substance at Parter Medical Products Facility



### BACKGROUND:

On July 28, 2022, South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) issued a Proposition 65 notice to Public Health that air monitoring detected elevated levels of ethylene oxide near Parter Medical Products, located at 17015 Kingsview Avenue in the City of Carson. All monitoring data and updates on the investigation are posted on South Coast AQMD's website at [www.aqmd.com/parter](http://www.aqmd.com/parter).

As of August 21, 2022, Parter voluntarily shut down its ethylene oxide operations until additional air pollution controls can be implemented. SCAQMD continues to conduct air monitoring near the Parter facility as well as in locations within the residential community. Measurements reported so far show that ethylene oxide in the residential community near Parter are similar to other parts of the Los Angeles region (see blue, pink, and yellow dots on chart above). South Coast AQMD is also working to install an additional air monitor at a school located in the residential community. Ethylene oxide levels at the nearby business are above health risk thresholds established by SCAQMD's Rule 1402 and the facility is working with SCAQMD to identify measures to immediately reduce ethylene oxide emissions. Some short-term actions have already been implemented, and the facility has already initiated the process to install additional air pollution control equipment.

The local Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) is also required to regulate the Parter facility in accordance with State and local laws and is currently evaluating the facility to ensure compliance with statewide standards.

Public Health, SCAQMD, and the California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHHA) are working together to keep the community informed and to protect the health of offsite workers. Notifications will be made to the community of any levels of concern or needed actions as appropriate.

### TO REPORT CONCERNS

If you live near the Parter Medical Products facility and are experiencing bad smells, you can report odors by calling: 800-CUT-SMOG (1-800-288-7664) Or filing a complaint online: [www.aqmd.gov/home/air-quality/complaints](http://www.aqmd.gov/home/air-quality/complaints)

For updates on this issue, please visit: <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/news-events/community-investigations/parter>

If you have questions regarding health concerns Call: 626-430-9821 or Email: [tox@ph.lacounty.gov](mailto:tox@ph.lacounty.gov)

### HEALTH FACTS:

Ethylene Oxide is a gas used in the facility to sterilize medical equipment. It has a sweet, but pungent chemical odor. Short-term exposure to ethylene oxide in humans can irritate the eyes, nose, throat, and lungs. Long-term exposure can cause damage to the brain and nervous system. Ethylene oxide has been linked to cancer in humans, including breast and blood cancers.

### WHAT CAN YOU DO TO PROTECT YOURSELF?

At this time, no specific action is required.