
Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND ISSANCE OF HEARING PROCEDURE

FOR

ADMINISTRATIVE CIVIL LIABILITY COMPLAINT R8-2021-0002 ALCA MACHINE INDUSTIES ORANGE COUNTY

On October 11, 2021, prosecuting staff of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana Region (Regional Water Board) issued Administrative Civil Liability Complaint (ACL Complaint) R8-2021-0002 against ALCA Machine Industries (Respondent) for the violations alleged in the ACL Complaint.

The Regional Water Board will consider evidence regarding the violation(s) alleged in the ACL Complaint at a hearing. After considering the evidence, the Regional Water Board may impose the proposed civil liability, impose a higher or lower amount, or decline to impose any liability. The Regional Water Board intends to hold a public hearing on the ACL Complaint that will commence at the time and place indicated:

Date: December 10, 2021
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Virtual Meeting via Zoom Video and Teleconference

As a result of the COVID-19 emergency, the hearing will occur solely via remote presence on the Zoom meeting platform. The hearing will be heard during the regularly scheduled Regional Water Board meeting, which will begin at 9:00 a.m. The exact time for start of the hearing is dependent on the length of time needed for the preceding agenda items; however, all parties wishing to participate in the hearing should be prepared and logged into the Zoom meeting by 9:00 a.m.

Instructions how to join the Zoom meeting will be available on the Regional Water Board's meeting agenda, which will be issued at least ten days before the meeting and posted on the Regional Water Board's website at:
https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/santaana/board_info/agendas/2021_agendas.html.

Adoption of Hearing Procedure

A Hearing Procedure has been issued that will govern the conduct of proceedings related to consideration of the ACL Complaint. A copy of the final Hearing Procedure is available on the Regional Water Board's website at:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/santaana/public_notices/docs/2021/hearing_procedure_alca_machine_industries.pdf

Opportunity for Public Participation

The Regional Water Board will consider written comments submitted by members of the public that are interested in the ACL Complaint hearing (Interested Persons). The parties to the proceeding will be permitted to submit formal written responses to any written comments submitted by Interested Persons. To allow for this, all written comments from Interested Persons shall be submitted as early as possible, and in no case later than **5:00 pm on November 5, 2021**.

Interested Persons will also be provided the opportunity to orally present general policy statements to the Regional Water Board members at the hearing. Such statements will generally be limited to **3 minutes** per Interested Person, though the Board Chair may grant additional time upon request. Interested Persons do not need to submit written statements in order to speak at the hearing.

Unless they are formally recognized as a "Designated Party" per the Hearing Procedure, Interested Persons are not parties entitled to directly participate in the proceeding, except as provided above. Interested Persons will not be permitted to present evidence (e.g., photos, eyewitness testimony, etc.). They are also not subject to cross-examination. Although the Board will consider oral and written comments from Interested Persons on matters of general policy, such comments are not admissible as evidence.

Public File Available for Review

The Regional Water Board maintains a public file containing the ACL Complaint and related documents (including party submittals per the attached Hearing Procedure) at its office located at **3737 Main Street, Suite 500, Riverside, California, 92501-3348**.

Persons interested in reviewing the file should contact **Michelle Beckwith** via email at Michelle.Beckwith@WaterBoards.ca.gov. In the event that in-person file review is not possible due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, Regional Water Board staff will, to the extent practicable under the circumstances, be able to provide digital copies of the file.

Accessibility

For general questions on meeting access, to request a special accommodation, or to request interpreter services, please send an e-mail to

Jeannie.Aguilar@WaterBoards.ca.gov or call (951) 782-4905. Please request special accommodations or interpreter services at least 10 business days in advance of the meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

Questions

All questions regarding this proceeding should be addressed via email to the Advisory Team attorney at Katharine.Buddingh@WaterBoards.ca.gov.