



Every day, Portside residents breathe in lung-damaging diesel pollution from heavy-duty trucks driving to and from the Port of San Diego. Mitsubishi Cement Corporation (MCC) wants to build a bulk cement warehouse and loading facility on the Tenth Avenue Marine Terminal in Barrio Logan. If approved, it would **add 4,000 to 10,500 heavy-duty diesel-polluting truck trips to our roads a month**. The warehouse would distribute 600,000 metric tons of cement materials a year- 35% of MCC's total production- less than 1500 feet from Cesar Chavez Park, within a half mile of both Perkins Elementary School and a densely populated residential community of color.

In response to protests from Portside community members, the Port rejected MCC's proposal in 2020 and nothing has changed. We are urging the Board of Port Commissioners to end generations of environmental racism by rejecting MCC's proposal during their December meeting - details below.

### Port Meeting Details

When: December 13, 2022 at 1 PM

Where: Don L. Nay Port Administration Building (3165 Pacific Highway, San Diego, CA 92101)

How to participate: see below

### Nothing has changed

- In over 5 years, MCC hasn't developed a project proposal that meaningfully shifts its reliance away from heavy-duty diesel trucks to Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) trucks.
- In 2020, the Board unanimously voted to reject their proposal and gave Port staff a strong and clear directive to develop clear and measurable ZEV truck requirements. Based on presentations by MCC and the Port, they have not made these changes.

### More deadly-diesel trucks:

- MCC's project will concentrate Diesel Particulate Matter (DPM) emissions from 4,000 to 10,500 more truck trips in West National City and Barrio Logan. That is a 100% increase in truck traffic currently at the Port.



- While medium and heavy-duty trucks are only 6.2% of vehicles on California roads, they are the single largest source of air pollution - they generate 70% of smog, 35% of NOx, 80% of PM, and around 20% of transportation CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

#### **Diesel pollution damages our lungs, can cause cancer, and more**

- Residents in Barrio Logan and West National City breathe more diesel pollution than 90% of the state.
- DPM contributes to adverse health outcomes including premature death, hospitalizations and emergency department visits for heart and lung disease, asthma, increased respiratory symptoms, and decreased lung function in children.
- According to the EPA, residents our neighborhoods have a higher risk of developing cancer from air pollution than 93% of the nation
- Diesel emissions are responsible for [84 percent](#) of the cancer risk associated with air pollution in Barrio Logan and National City.
- Children in Barrio Logan and National City experience double the emergency room visits for asthma than the county average.

#### **Does not comply with the Port's Maritime Clean Air Strategy (MCAS)**

- The approved purpose of the MCAS is health equity. Approval of the MCC project perpetuates health inequality and environmental racism, invalidating the purpose and community efforts behind the MCAS.
- Based on the information provided by Port staff and MCC in multiple meetings and presentations, the proposal does not require any ZEV truck requirements to meet the MCAS' goal to transition to 100% ZEV by 2030, nor the interim goal of 40% ZEV by June 30, 2026.

#### **Lacks authentic community engagement**

- The Port has not presented information to community stakeholders about the proposed project since 2020. They did not notify San Diego City Council or National City Council that the Port would be considering MCC's project again.

#### **What you can do to stop MCC**

1. Send an email to the Port Commissioners urging them to reject MCC – [click here](#)
2. Ask your organization to sign on to our comment letter.
3. Attend the Board of Port Commissioners Meeting on December 13 at 1 PM
4. Submit your virtual public comment before the December 13, 2022 Board of Port Commissioners meeting by leaving a voicemail or sending an email:
  - a. Email letter/comments to [PublicRecords@portofsandiego.org](mailto:PublicRecords@portofsandiego.org) by the evening of Monday, December 12. \*You'll need to reference the agenda number – EHC will send that to you.
  - b. Call 619-736-2155 and leave a voicemail (no longer than 3 minutes) by the evening of Monday, December 12th. You can just read your emailed comments as a voicemail message. \*Please reference the agenda number.



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### To get involved

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