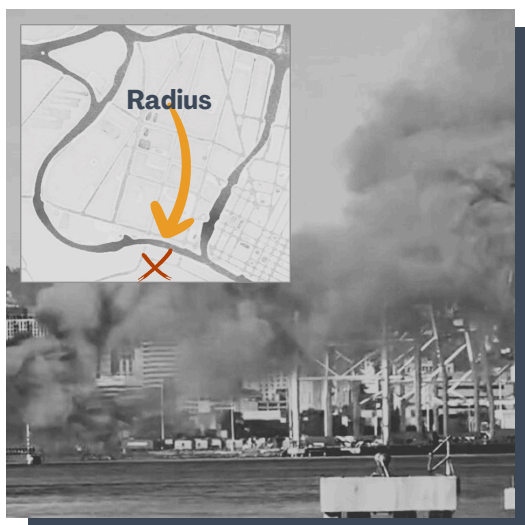


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Radius Recycling

The metal recycler formerly known as Schnitzer Steel has been polluting West Oakland for too long



Radius Recycling's West Oakland facility shreds vehicles, appliances, and other products in close proximity to an urban residential community. The facility produces toxic pollution that poisons the air, water and soil, putting an already over-burdened neighborhood at even greater risk.

Recently acquired by Toyota, Radius owns nearly 100 recycling and manufacturing facilities across the country. Its West Oakland facility operates within two miles of the following highly vulnerable populations:

- 10+ daycare centers
- 24+ schools
- 4 senior housing facilities
- 10 public parks
- 4+ healthcare providers

Sources: radiusrecycling.com; maps.google.com; radiusrecycling.com

Radius' practices expose our community to toxic substances:

Shredding of metal generates high concentrations of Particulate Matter (PM), Black Carbon (BC), Light Fibrous Material (LFM) & heavy metals, all of which increase risk of cancer & other illnesses when released into our air.

Ship, truck, and rail traffic: Transporting materials in and out of the facility, and on-site cargo handling equipment, produce diesel emissions throughout our neighborhood.

Feedstock piles: Piles of scrap vehicles, appliances, machinery & other metals emit pollutants (Volatile Organic Compounds or VOCs, Black Carbon, and toxic fluids like oil and coolant), that end up in our air and water.

Toxic fires happen regularly at Schnitzer when piles ignite, emitting more Black Carbon, Volatile Organic Compounds, and Particulate Matter that poison the air we breathe.

Source: "Background Report: Schnitzer Steel Oakland Operations," Sonoma Technology Inc., Oct. 2022.



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Just some of Radius' long history of environmental violations...

Alameda County DA indicts Radius and two employees for 10 criminal felonies and misdemeanors, for its August 2023 fire (charges subsequently dropped)	2024	2025	Bay Area Air District and Alameda County District Attorney file a joint civil lawsuit against Radius for violations related to its August 2023 fire.
Air District fines Radius \$575,000 for 7 emissions violations related to the installation and operation of pollution control equipment two years earlier. .		2023	Air District issues 3 notices of violation in response to August 9 fire. CA Dept. of Toxic Substances Control issues four violations.
CDTS issues a formal enforcement action against Radius/Schnitzer requiring them to clean up their act.	2021	2020	Air District issues violation following a tin pile fire and Radius/Schnitzer's violation of a no-burn day.
Radius/Schnitzer settles with the State for \$4.1 million for illegally releasing hazardous waste and harmful emissions into West Oakland.		2019	Air District issues violation for exceeding legal carbon emission limits.
Air District issues violation for permit violations.	2018	2017	Air District issues violation for running shredder without abatement, resulting in illegal emissions.
Air District issues violation for a non-ferrous raw stockpile fire.			
CDTS issues violation for failure to minimize hazardous waste & accepting hazardous waste without a permit.	2015		

Sources: baaqmd.gov; echo.epa.gov

Who's responsible for enforcement?

FEDERAL AGENCIES

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA)
Inspects facility, Federal permits and enforces the Clean Air Act. www.epa.gov

STATE AGENCIES

California Air Resources Board (CARB)
Provides air quality expertise, reviews compliance protocols. ww2.arb.ca.gov

California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC)
Regulates hazardous waste facility permits, enforces state hazardous waste control laws. dtsc.ca.gov

California State Attorney General
Brings lawsuits against violators. oag.ca.gov

REGIONAL AGENCIES

Bay Area Air Quality Management District
Issues air permits, sets operational rules, approves annual air testing protocols. www.baaqmd.gov

California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA)
Oversees statewide environmental justice initiatives. calepa.ca.gov

State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB)
Requires a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP), administers General Permit. waterboards.ca.gov



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