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CLEAN AIR AGENCY SUED OVER POLLUTION TRADING

from San Jose Mercury News --- Two environmental groups sued the Los Angeles region clean-air agency Monday, claiming it mismanaged a pollution-trading program aimed at capping smog-forming emissions.

The suit alleges the South Coast Air Quality Management District violated the federal Clean Air Act by allowing refineries, factories and other facilities to release excessive amounts of smog-forming emissions under the regional clean-air incentive market, or "Reclaim," program.

"The Reclaim program is not working and smog is getting worse," said Scott Kuhn, legal director for Communities for a Better Environment, which filed the suit with Our Children's Earth. The agency disputed the claims outlined in the suit and questioned the accounting methods used by the two groups.

"We think they are trying to use this to discredit the program," said Barbara Baird, district counsel for the Air Quality Management District.

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