

## **Sacramento Rendering Company Frequently Asked Questions**

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### **1. What is a rendering facility?**

A rendering facility like Sacramento Rendering Company (SRC) accepts and processes (renders) animal waste materials from supermarkets, butcher shops, restaurants, feedlots, ranches and dairies. SRC takes these materials that would otherwise be discarded and recycles them into materials that go into the manufacturing of soap, paints, cosmetics, lubricants, candles, animal feed and biofuel. For more information about the rendering industry, check the National Renderers Association, Inc. website ([www.nationalrenderers.org](http://www.nationalrenderers.org)).

### **2. What businesses are served by rendering operations?**

As stated above, SRC serves businesses in the Northern California, including animal processors, supermarkets, butcher shops, restaurants, feedlots, ranches and dairies.

### **3. What role do rendering operations play in maintaining public health?**

SRC and the rendering industry overall are a vital component of California agriculture and public health. The rendering process is a sustainable approach to process and recycle animal waste products. Without the rendering industry to process the 2 billion plus pounds of animal waste each year, landfills would be over filled, dead animals would be abandoned and sewer systems would face operational problems as excess grease and debris would clog lines and impact waterways.

### **4. What is the history and background on Sacramento Rendering Company (SRC)?**

SRC is a family business that was founded in 1913. From 1913 to 1955, the business was known as Sacramento Reduction and Tallow Works, and operated a plant in the South Land Park area of Sacramento. In the 1950s, operations were moved to the current location on Kiefer Boulevard where it is known as Sacramento Rendering Company and owned Sacramento Rendering Company, a California corporation.

**5. Who owns SRC?**

Sacramento Rendering Company is privately held by Sacramento Rendering Company, a California corporation.

**6. Where is SRC located?**

The SRC plant is located in Sacramento County at 11350 Kiefer Boulevard at the southwest quadrant of Sunrise Boulevard and Kiefer Boulevard.

**7. How long has SRC been in business?**

Since 1913.

**8. When did SRC move to this present location?**

1955

**9. How many employees does SRC have?**

SRC employs approximately 120 people.

**10. What are SRC's normal operating hours?**

The SRC plant is permitted for operations 24 hours a day, seven days a week, year round. The plant normally operates this schedule with occasionally breaks for routine maintenance.

**11. How are deliveries made to SRC?**

Materials arrive at SRC at all hours of operation via numerous trucks that SRC operates as well as independent haulers, contract haulers, ranchers and dairymen who frequently deliver material to the facility.

**12. Has the SRC facility been updated to better address potential odor issues with its operation?**

Yes, in June 2004, with financial participation from the developers of the Sunrise-Douglas area, SRC completed upgrades to buildings and the addition of air scrubbers to better remove odors as they occur in the rendering process. The cost of these improvements was approximately \$5.5 million. SRC currently spends in excess of \$40,000 monthly to operate and maintain its state-of-the-art odor control system.

**13. Who regulates SRC's operation?**

The Sacramento Rendering plant is regulated by many county, state, and federal agencies, primary of which are the Sacramento Valley Air Pollution Control District, California Regional Water Quality Control Board, County of Sacramento, California Occupational Health Agency (OSHA), Federal Food and Drug Agency, California Department of Food and Agriculture, United States Department of Agriculture, United States Department of Transportations, California Department of Weights and Measures.

**14. How can I contact SRC with complaints, concerns or information?**

SRC is interested in hearing from surrounding residents, businesses and the general public with comments, concerns and input about SRC and its operations. There are many ways to contact SRC:

**24-Hour Hotline**

1-800-339-6493

(staffed during business hours and voice mail after hours)

**Email Address**

[airyourthoughts@SRCCompanies.com](mailto:airyourthoughts@SRCCompanies.com)

**Mailing Address**

Sacramento Rendering Company  
11350 Kiefer Boulevard  
Mather, CA 95830

SRC staff will respond to phone calls, emails and mail received.

**15. How do you respond to residents who have concerns about odors?**

Anyone is welcome to contact SRC at any time regarding concerns about odors or other aspect of SRC's operations. SRC accepts and documents all reports of odors, including a description of the odor, the general location where the odor is detected, time, weather conditions and the status of SRC's plant operations at the time of the odor. This information is collected so that SRC personnel can correlate data about odor with operational characteristics of the plant so that adjustments can be made, if necessary.

In addition to SRC, there are other source points in the area that could be the source of odors (i.e. Kiefer Landfill, Lopez Ag Services). Since the detection of odor is extremely subjective and varies from individual to individual, the data collected from those who call SRC to report odors is helpful in pinpointing the source.

**16. Does SRC work with governmental agencies to address concerns regarding operations?**

SRC has consistently worked with elected officials and staff from Sacramento County and the City of Rancho Cordova to address concerns regarding operations and to be compatible with the community.

**17. What are the future plans for the SRC lands and surrounding area?**

The SRC plant is located in unincorporated Sacramento County. The County has initiated a visioning process for the larger Jackson Highway area that includes the SRC property. This visioning process will ultimately lead to new urban land use concepts for the "Jackson Corridor." It is anticipated that, at some point in the future, SRC will move to another location and be replaced by new land uses on the SRC property.