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Air gets clean bill of health

Industrial pollution in Wong Tai Sin is not a serious problem, according to a paper prepared by the Labour Department for the Wong Tai Sin District Board.

The board will take up the matter at its meeting this week.

The Air Pollution Control Division of the department found that the major air pollution sources in the district were the chimneys of industrial and commercial undertakings.

Factories and industrial undertakings in Wong Tai Sin are mainly concentrated in the San Po Kong industrial area and the industrial squatter area at Ngau Tsuen.

The polluting industrial plants include steam boilers, melting furnaces and ovens.

Most of them were found to be on a small scale when compared with similar equipment in Tsun Wan, Kwai Chung and Kun Tong.

The main emissions are products of combustion which

are discharged through chimneys.

The department found that the industrial buildings in San Po Kong were comparatively new, and most of their installations had been approved in accordance with the Clean Air Regulations.

Experts in the department felt the factories in the Ngau Tsuen squatter area had been in operation for a long time and their plants were old, therefore causing more air pollution.

Although smoke emitted by restaurants and laundries had a low pollution potential, their emissions of smoke, soot or fumes had caused inconvenience to near neighbours.

The Diamond Hill Quarry could be a potential polluter to the district if not properly managed, the department felt.

But the department had found that the quarry was equipped with a bag filter system for its asphalt mixing plant to control dust emissions.

Latest measurements taken by the department indicated that the dust level in the vicinity was no higher than near other industrial areas or construction sites.

But a stack sampling exercise was being conducted to assess the dust emission with a view to proper control.

The Labour Department has received and investigated 70 air pollution complaints in the district — about five per cent of the total number of complaints investigated throughout the territory.