



Notice of Public Workshop and CEQA Scoping Meeting

PROPOSED RULE (PR) 1153.1 – EMISSIONS OF OXIDES OF NITROGEN FROM COMMERCIAL FOOD OVENS



Wednesday, April 2, 2014

1:30 p.m.

SCAQMD Headquarters

21865 Copley Drive

Diamond Bar, CA 91765

Auditorium

Purpose of This Meeting

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) has scheduled a public workshop to present and solicit information and suggestions from the public regarding **Proposed Rule 1153.1 – Emissions of Oxides of Nitrogen From Commercial Food Ovens**. PR 1153.1 is tentatively scheduled for a Public Hearing before the SCAQMD Governing Board on July 11, 2014.

Rule Background

Proposed Rule 1153.1 – Emissions of Oxides of Nitrogen From Commercial Food Ovens is designed to provide regulatory relief for owners and operators of combustion fired food ovens, dry roasters and smokehouses subject to SCAQMD Rule 1147. Rule 1147 was adopted by the SCAQMD Governing Board on December 5, 2008 and established nitrogen oxide (NOx) emission limits for new and existing combustion equipment including food ovens, roasters and smokehouses.

Rule 1147 achieves emission reductions of 50 to 75 percent from ovens, dryers and furnaces by meeting lower NOx emission limits of 30 to 60 ppm (at 3% oxygen).

Based on stakeholder input and further evaluation

on technical feasibility of retrofit technologies applicable to this class of equipment, staff has proposed to move food ovens, including roasters and smokehouses, from Rule 1147 and place them in a proposed new rule with emission limits and compliance dates.

Proposed Amendments and Objectives

To respond to compliance challenges currently being experienced, staff is recommending a new rule with higher NOx emission limits for food ovens and delays of the NOx emission limit compliance dates for existing (in-use) permitted equipment. The proposed rule also includes a carbon monoxide emission limit and emissions testing in order to assure compliance with the emission limits.

PR1153.1 also establishes test methods and provides alternate compliance options and certification of equipment NOx emissions. Other requirements include equipment maintenance and recordkeeping. PR 1153.1 will result in delayed emissions reductions from equipment subject to this rule. PR 1153.1 is expected to result in a maximum of 120 pounds per day of NOx emission reductions forgone in 2023.

California Environmental Quality Act

Regulatory Program (Rule 110), the SCAQMD is preparing a Notice of Preparation/Initial Study (NOP/IS) for Proposed Rule 1153.1. The NOP/IS serves two purposes: 1) to solicit information on the scope of the environmental analysis for the proposed project, and 2) to notify the public that the SCAQMD will prepare a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) to further assess potential environmental impacts that may result from implementing the proposed project. The proposed project may have statewide, regional or area-wide significance; therefore, a CEQA scoping meeting is required (pursuant to Public Resources Code §21083.9(a)(2)). The public workshop will serve as a CEQA scoping meeting for the proposed actions.

Comments received at the public workshop/CEQA scoping meeting on the environmental analysis will be considered when preparing the EA. When released, the NOP/IS will be available for public comment and review for 30 days. Upon completion of the public review and comment period for the NOP/IS, responses to comments received relative to the NOP/IS will be prepared and incorporated into the Draft EA that will be subsequently prepared and circulated for a 45-day public review and comment period.

Comments and suggestions regarding the CEQA analysis for the proposed project should be directed to:

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Available Supporting Documents

The following supporting documents will be available on or before the date of the public workshop:

- Preliminary Draft Proposed Rule 1153.1; and
- Preliminary Draft Staff Report for Proposed Rule 1153.1.

To Obtain Copies of the Above Documents

Copies of the proposed rule and the preliminary draft staff report will be available on or before the date of the public workshop and may be obtained from:

Mr. Derrick Alatorre
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Submission of Documents or Comments

You are invited to attend the meeting and may also send comments, documents or other information relevant to the proposed rule and proposed amended rules listed above to:

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Written comments on this rule should be submitted by April 16, 2014.