



Notice of Public Workshop

PROPOSED RULE 1148.2

NOTIFICATION AND REPORTING OF PRE-PRODUCTION OPERATIONS OF OIL AND GAS WELLS



Wednesday, January 30, 2013

2:00 p.m.

AQMD Headquarters

21865 Copley Drive

Diamond Bar, CA 91765

Auditorium

Purpose of This Meeting

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) has scheduled a public workshop regarding **Proposed Rule (PR) 1148.2 – Notification and Reporting of Pre-Production Operations of Oil and Gas Wells.**

Rule Background

On October 5, 2012, the AQMD Governing Board directed staff to initiate rule development to determine if existing AQMD regulations adequately cover oil and gas production activities when conducting hydraulic fracturing. AQMD staff was directed to report back to the Governing Board on the rule development status by February 15, 2013.

Proposed Rule 1148.2 is a new rule that seeks to gather air-quality related information on oil and gas well pre-

production activities, such as hydraulic fracturing and other well production stimulation operations. The rule establishes requirements for owners or operators of onshore oil and gas wells within the AQMD's jurisdiction to notify the Executive Officer of the date and location of well pre-production activities and after the activities have occurred, report on the chemicals used as well as air quality-related operations involved in the well pre-production activities. This rule will also impact suppliers of chemicals and additives used in drilling, rework, and well completion fluids.

Proposed Rule and Objective

Proposed Rule 1148.2 establishes notification and reporting requirements for all oil and gas well pre-production operations where air quality-related

emissions may occur. Specifically, PR 1148.2 requires owners or operators of oil and gas wells to notify the AQMD when and where any well drilling, re-drilling, reworking, hydraulic fracturing, or other well stimulation activities will occur. Wherever possible, these notification requirements will coincide with the notification requirements of the California Department of Conservation, Division of Oil and Gas and Geothermal Resources (DOGGR). Following completion of the pre-production activities, PR 1148.2 requires that information be submitted that identifies the names and quantities of chemicals and other process operation parameters in order for AQMD to assess the air pollution emission potential of each well pre-production activity. With the exception of trade secret information, PR 1148.2 also requires the AQMD to make specific information reported to the AQMD available to the public by posting relevant data on the AQMD's website.

California Environmental Quality Act

PR 1148.2 would only require the gathering and reporting of data to AQMD staff which is exempt from CEQA under the information collection categorical exemption (CEQA Guidelines §15306). A Notice of Exemption (NOE) will be prepared for the proposed project pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15062 - Notice of Exemption

Available Supporting Documents

The following supporting documents are available:

- Proposed Rule 1148.2; and
- Preliminary Draft Staff Report will be available no later than January 29, 2013.

To Obtain Copies of the Available Supporting Documents

Copies of the proposed rule will be available at the public workshop and may be obtained from:

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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 amended rules to:

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Written comments on this rule should be submitted by **Thursday, February 14, 2013.**