

BOARD MEETING DATE: October 2, 2020

AGENDA NO. 2

PROPOSAL: Set Public Hearings to Consider Adoption of and/or Amendments to South Coast AQMD Rules and Regulations:

October 27, 2020:

A. Determine That Proposed Amendments to Rule 445 – Wood-Burning Devices, Are Exempt from CEQA and Amend Rule 445

Proposed amendments to Rule 445 will satisfy U.S. EPA contingency measure requirements due by October 31, 2020 for the South Coast Air Basin (Basin) which is classified as an extreme non-attainment area for ozone. The proposed amendments would include addition of an ozone-based No-Burn day forecast for the Basin, effective September 1 through April 30. The ozone threshold for No-Burn days would be incrementally lowered automatically for each subsequent final determination by the U.S. EPA of a failure to meet an applicable Clean Air Act milestone. PM2.5 rule provisions will remain unchanged, including calling No-Burn days only from November 1 through the end of February. Other minor amendments include revisions/additions to the definition of terms used in the rule and revisions to improve clarity/rule implementation. This action is to adopt the Resolution: 1) Determining that the proposed amendments to Rule 445 – Wood-Burning Devices, are exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act; and 2) Amending Rule 445 – Wood-Burning Devices. (Review: Stationary Source Committee, October 16, 2020)

November 6, 2020:

B. Determine That Proposed Amendments to Rule 1178 – Further Reductions of VOC Emissions from Storage Tanks at Petroleum Facilities, Are Exempt from CEQA and Amend Rule 1178

Rule 1178 establishes requirements to control VOC emissions from storage tanks at petroleum facilities. Amendments to Rule 1178 are needed to address safety concerns related to the enclosure of external floating roof tanks that store sour water. Proposed Amended Rule 1178 will reinstate an expired provision that allows operators to accept a permit condition to limit the vapor pressure of organic liquid stored. This action is to adopt the Resolution: 1) Determining that the proposed amendments to Rule 1178 – Further Reductions of VOC Emissions from Storage Tanks at Petroleum Facilities, are exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act; and 2) Amending Rule 1178 – Further Reductions of VOC Emissions from Storage Tanks at Petroleum Facilities. (Reviewed: Stationary Source Committee, September 18, 2020)

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

Set Public Hearing October 27, 2020 to Amend Rule 445 and Set Public Hearing November 6, 2020 to Amend Rule 1178

The complete text of the proposed amendments, staff reports and other supporting documents will be available from the South Coast AQMD's publication request line at (909) 396-2001, or from: Mr. Derrick Alatorre – Deputy Executive Officer/Public Advisor, South Coast AQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765, (909) 396-2432, PICrequests@aqmd.gov and on the Internet (www.aqmd.gov) as of September 25, 2020 for Rule 445 and October 7, 2020 for Rule 1178.

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