

South Coast

Air Quality Management District

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COMPLIANCE ADVISORY

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Notice to All Warehouse Owners and Operators regarding Upcoming Enforcement Action and Potential Daily Penalties

South Coast AQMD Rule 2305 – *Warehouse Indirect Source Rule – Warehouse Actions and Investments to Reduce Emissions (WAIRE) Program* was adopted in May 2021. This rule was developed to reduce NOx and PM emissions associated with warehouses and the mobile sources attracted to warehouses.

Rule 2305 applies to all warehouses within <u>South Coast AQMD's jurisdiction</u> that have at least 100,000 square feet of indoor floor space in a single building. The rule established a three-phase implementation approach based on warehouse size.

- Phase 1: Warehouses 250,000 square feet or more first submission required by Rule 2305 was due in calendar year 2022;
- Phase 2: Warehouses 150,000 to 249,999 square feet first submission was due in July 2023; and
- Phase 3: Warehouses 100,000 to 149,999 square feet first submission due in 2024.

The WAIRE Program set reporting deadlines for each phase of implementation. The following deadlines to file reports have now passed:

- For Phase 1 Warehouses, the Initial Site Information Report (ISIR) was due on July 5, 2022, and the Annual WAIRE Report (AWR) was due on March 2, 2023.
- > For Phase 2 Warehouses, the ISIR was due on July 5, 2023.

These reports must be submitted using the WAIRE Program Online Portal (POP) at <u>xappp.aqmd.gov/isr</u>.

South Coast AQMD enforcement staff is preparing to take enforcement action. Owners and operators of warehouses that have failed to submit these reports by the required date are in violation of Rule 2305 and subject to potential civil penalties. Under state law, penalties for violating air quality rules may be up to \$10,000 for each day of noncompliance, though increased penalties may be warranted based on aggravating factors.

More information regarding Rule 2305 can be found on the agency's dedicated WAIRE webpage (<u>www.aqmd.gov/waire</u>), and questions may be directed to the WAIRE Program Hotline (909) 396-3140 or via email to <u>waire-program@aqmd.gov</u>.