

Comment Letter #13

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To: AQMPTeam <AQMPteam@aqmd.gov>

Subject: Public Comment on "2022 Air Quality Management Plan"

Dear South Coast AQMD:

We have reviewed the Executive Summary and selected portions of the 2022 AQMP. We are residents of Long Beach. We own a hydrogen fuel cell car and a gas-hybrid SUV. Our home appliances are fueled by natural gas and electricity. We have 200-ampere electric service. Solar panels are not an option due to our home's 1930 Spanish Colonial Revival architecture.

Please consider the following:

1. We strongly disagree with the premise that the stated NOx and ozone reductions can be achieved by 2037 at acceptable cost - if at all. Reality must be inserted here. Reconsider the goal and determine what is reasonable and feasible.
2. Given the massive contributions of aircraft, heavy trucks and locomotives to NOx and ozone, SCAQMD lacks jurisdiction to accomplish this goal. It should not disrupt residential life for millions of Californians in a futile attempt to do so.
3. We STRONGLY disapprove of the proposed residential control measures R-CMB-01, R-CMB-02 and R-CMB-03. Electricity is NOT "zero emission"; electricity is generated largely through the combustion of fossil fuels at remote sites, with consequent pollution.
4. The California electric grid is woefully deficient to support even current demand. It is absurd to propose burdening it further with unnecessary load.
5. Natural gas is a clean, efficient and versatile fuel that is ideally suited to on-site residential water heating, cooking, and space heating. Natural gas functions during periods of emergency that make electricity unavailable. Under no circumstances should its use be curtailed.

We predict that intelligent California consumers will react with outrage should these proposals go forward. Please go back to the drawing board. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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