

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED ADOPTION OF, OR AMENDMENT TO, THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF
THE SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
AND PROPOSED SUBMISSION INTO THE STATE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

**RE: Proposed Amended Rule 1111 – Reduction of NO_x Emissions from Natural-Gas-Fired,
Fan-Type Central Furnaces**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing on the matter of adoption of rules and regulations for the South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD), or the amendments thereto, will be held on Friday, **September 4, 2020** at 9:00 a.m., at which time evidence will be taken and all interested persons will be heard by the South Coast AQMD Board. Given the health and safety concerns regarding the coronavirus (COVID-19), the meeting will be conducted via webcast with opportunities for public comment. Please refer to the instructions on the South Coast AQMD's website for details on how to participate: <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/news-events/meeting-agendas-minutes>.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the South Coast AQMD is considering the adoption of Proposed Amended Rule 1111. The proposed amended rule will extend the October 1, 2020 compliance date for weatherized furnaces and furnaces installed in altitudes above 4,200 feet above sea level. The proposed amendments would also include an exemption for high altitude gas-electric dual fuel systems with low-NO_x furnaces (40 ng/J) until September 30, 2022. Staff is also recommending modifications to the South Coast AQMD's Clean Air Furnace Rebate program.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Proposed Amended Rule 1111 – Reduction of NO_x Emissions from Natural-Gas-Fired, Fan-Type Central Furnaces will be submitted to the California Air Resources Board and the United States Environmental Protection Agency for inclusion into the State Implementation Plan.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Proposed Amended Rule 1111 implements Sections 110, 172, 182(e), and 189 of the Clean Air Act.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a written analysis pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Section 40727.2 has been prepared that identifies all existing state and federal air pollution control requirements, all South Coast AQMD existing and proposed rules and regulations, and all air pollution control requirements that apply to the same equipment or source type as the rule proposed for amendment.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the South Coast AQMD staff has reviewed the proposed project pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15002 (k) – General Concepts, the three-step process for deciding which document to prepare for a project subject to CEQA and CEQA Guidelines §15061 – Review for Exemption, procedures for determining if a project is exempt from CEQA and has determined that the proposed amendments to Rule 1111 are exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines § 15061(b)(3) where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility the activity may have a significant effect on the environment. A Notice of Exemption (NOE) will be prepared pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15062 - Notice of Exemption, and if the project is approved, the NOE will be filed with the county clerks of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino counties.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the South Coast AQMD staff has prepared documents, for consideration by the South Coast AQMD Board, including:

- Proposed Amended Rule 1111- Reduction of NOx Emissions from Natural-Gas-Fired, Fan-Type Central Furnaces
- Draft Staff Report for Proposed Amended Rule 1111
- Socioeconomic Impact Assessment for Proposed Amended Rule 1111, included in the Staff Report
- Comparative Analysis for Proposed Amended Rule 1111, included in the Draft Staff Report

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the above documents may be obtained from the South Coast AQMD website at <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/rules-compliance/rules/scaqmd-rule-book/proposed-rules>, or the South Coast AQMD's publication request line at (909) 396-2001, or from: Ms. Fabian Wesson – Assistant Deputy Executive Officer/Public Advisor, South Coast AQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765, (909) 396-2432, PICrequests@aqmd.gov.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that at the conclusion of the public hearing, consistent with Health and Safety Code Section 40726, the South Coast AQMD Board may make other modifications to Proposed Amended Rule 1111, which are justified by the evidence presented, or may decline to adopt some or all of the proposed amendments.

Questions, comments, or requests for clarification regarding Proposed Amended Rule 1111 can be directed to Michael Krause, Planning and Rules Manager, Planning, Rule Development and Area Sources, South Coast AQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765, mkrause@aqmd.gov or by calling (909) 396-2706. All CEQA inquiries can be directed to Kendra Reif, CEQA Section, Office of Planning, Rule Development and Area Sources, South Coast AQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765, kreif@aqmd.gov or by calling (909) 396-2492.

Interested persons may provide oral or written statements at the Public Hearing. Individuals who wish to submit written or electronic comments must submit such comments to the Clerk of the Board, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA, 91765-4178, (909) 396-2500, or to cob@aqmd.gov on or before 5:00 PM on Tuesday, August 25, 2020.

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DATED: July 29, 2020

FAYE THOMAS
Clerk of the Board