

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 1178 – Further Reductions of VOC Emissions from Storage
Tanks at Petroleum Facilities**

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, November 6, 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/newsevents/meeting-agendas-minutes>.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the South Coast AQMD is considering the adoption of Proposed Amended Rule 1178 – Further Reductions of VOC Emissions from Storage Tanks at Petroleum Facilities. The proposed amended rule will address safety concerns related to the enclosure of external floating roof tanks that store waste water. Proposed Amended Rule 1178 will reinstate an expired provision, that will apply only to tanks storing waste water, to allow operators to accept a permit condition to limit the vapor pressure in lieu of doming the tank which can create an explosive vapor space.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Proposed Amended Rule 1178 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 1178 implements Sections 110, 172, 182(e), and 189 of the Clean Air Act.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Proposed Amended Rule 1178 does not impose a new emission limit or standard, make an existing limit or standard more stringent, or impose new or more stringent monitoring, reporting, or recordkeeping requirements and, therefore, a comparative analysis pursuant to Health and Safety Code 40727.2 is not required.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Sections 15002(k) and 15061, the proposed amendments to Rule 1178 are exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15061(b)(3). A Notice of Exemption will be prepared pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15062, and if the proposed project is approved, the Notice of Exemption will be filed for posting with the county clerks of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino counties, and the State Clearinghouse of the Governor's Office of Planning and Research.

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 1178 – Further Reductions of VOC Emissions from Storage Tanks at Petroleum Facilities
- Draft Staff Report for Proposed Amended Rule 1178

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-rulebook/proposed-rules>, or 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.

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 1178, 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 1178 can be directed to Michael Morris, Planning and Rules Manager, Planning, Rule Development and Area Sources, South Coast AQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765, mmorris@aqmd.gov or by calling (909) 396-3282. All CEQA inquiries can be directed to Kevin Ni, CEQA Section, Office of Planning, Rule Development and Area Sources, South Coast AQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765, kni@aqmd.gov or by calling (909) 396-2462.

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, November 3, 2020**.

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DATED: September 30, 2020

FAYE THOMAS
Clerk of the Board