

# NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED SUBMISSION OF AN AMENDED RULE OF THE SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT INTO THE STATE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

**RE: Submission of Amended (March 1, 2019) Rule 212 – Standards for Approving Permits and Issuing Public Notice Into the State Implementation Plan**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a public hearing on the matter of submission of adopted rules and regulations of the South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD), into the State Implementation Plan will be held on August 7, 2020, in the Auditorium at South Coast AQMD Headquarters, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA, 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), please note circumstances may require that the meeting be conducted via webcast with opportunities for public comment. Should the meeting be conducted via webcast or be held subject to special instructions, the public will be notified via the South Coast AQMD website <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/news-events/meeting-agendas-minutes> with instructions on how to participate ahead of time.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the South Coast AQMD Governing Board adopted amendments to Rule 212 on March 1, 2019 that incorporated provisions to revise public noticing options.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that Rule 212 as amended on March 1, 2019 including its previous amendments since December 7, 1995, 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 pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Sections 15002(k) and 15061, the proposed submission of amended Rule 212 for inclusion into the State Implementation Plan is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3). A Notice of Exemption will be prepared pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15062, and if the project is approved, the Notice of Exemption will be filed with the county clerks of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino counties, or will be filed as otherwise authorized by law, including any Executive Order issued in response to the State of Emergency in California as a result of the threat of COVID-19.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that South Coast AQMD staff has prepared the following documents relevant to the proposed submission of amended Rule 212 for inclusion into the State Implementation Plan:

- Clean and strikeout/underline copies of all Rule 212 amendments adopted since Rule 212 (amended December 7, 1995) was last approved into the State Implementation Plan.
- Proofs of Publication for the March 1, 2019 amended Rule 212 and previous amendments since 1995.
- Final Staff Reports for the March 1, 2019 amended Rule 212 and previous amendments since 1995.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the above documents are available for review on the South Coast AQMD website at <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/rules-compliance/rules/scaqmd-rule-book/proposed-rules> or may be obtained from 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](mailto:picrequests@aqmd.gov).

Questions, comments or requests for clarification regarding the proposed submission of amended Rule 212 for inclusion into the State Implementation Plan can be directed to Michael Morris – Planning, Rule Development and Area Sources, South Coast AQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765, [mmorris@aqmd.gov](mailto:mmorris@aqmd.gov), or (909) 396-3282. All CEQA inquiries can be directed to Kendra Reif – CEQA Section, Planning, Rule Development and Area Sources, South Coast AQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765, [KReif@aqmd.gov](mailto:KReif@aqmd.gov) or by calling (909) 396-2492.

Interested persons may provide oral statements at the Public Hearing. Individuals who wish to submit written or electronic comments must submit such comments to the Clerk of the Boards, South Coast AQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765-4178, (909) 396-2500, or to [cob@aqmd.gov](mailto:cob@aqmd.gov) on or before 5:00 PM on Tuesday, July 28, 2020.

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DATED: July 1, 2020

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Clerk of the Boards