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 218 – Continuous Emission Monitoring
Proposed Rule 218.3 – Continuous Emission Monitoring System: Performance Specifications

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, March 5, 2021 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), this 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 218 (PAR 218), Proposed Rule 218.2 (PR 218.2), and Proposed Rule 218.3 (PR 218.3). PAR 218 will incorporate a phase out provision for current requirements for installation and operation of Continuous Emissions Monitoring Systems (CEMS) and provisions to meet proposed requirements for installation and operation of CEMS based on the applicable compliance dates specified in PR 218.2 and 218.3. PR 218.2 and PR 218.3 will respectively establish administrative requirements and performance specifications for CEMS operated at non-RECLAIM and former RECLAIM facilities.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that PAR 218, PR 218.2, and PR 218.3 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 PAR 218, PR 218.2, and PR 218.3 implement Sections 110, 172, 182(e), and 189 of the Clean Air Act.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Sections 15002(k) and 15061, the proposed project 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 proposed project is approved, the Notice of Exemption will be filed for posting with 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:

- PAR 218, PR 218.2, and PR 218.3
- Draft Staff Report for PAR 218, PR 218.2, and PR 218.3
- Socioeconomic Impact Assessment for PAR 218, PR 218.2, and PR 218.3, 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 by calling the South Coast AQMD’s Public Information Center 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, dalatorre@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 PAR 218, PR 218.2, and PR 218.3, which are justified by the evidence presented, or may decline to adopt the proposed amendments.

Please direct comments regarding PAR 218, PR 218.2, and PR 218.3 to Ms. Yanrong Zhu at yzhu1@aqmd.gov, (909) 396-3289; CEQA comments to Mr. Ryan Bañuelos, at rbanuelos@aqmd.gov, (909) 396-3479; and Socioeconomic Impact Assessment comments to Mr. Brian Vlasich at bvlasich@aqmd.gov, (909) 396-2167. Comments can also be sent to the attention of the above staff persons at the following address: Planning, Rule Development, and Area Sources, South Coast AQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765.

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 Board, South Coast AQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA, 91765-4178, (909) 396-2500, or to cob@aqmd.gov, on or before 5:00 PM on Tuesday, March 2, 2021.

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DATED: January 21, 2021

FAYE THOMAS
Clerk of the Boards