

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 at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, September 3, 2021 in the Dr. William A. Burke Auditorium at South Coast AQMD Headquarters, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA at which time evidence will be taken and all interested persons will be heard by the South Coast AQMD Board. The meeting will be conducted via webcast with opportunities for public comment. Given the health and safety concerns regarding the coronavirus (COVID-19), auditorium seating availability may be limited, and meeting format may be changed to full remote via webcast. Please refer to the instructions on the South Coast AQMD's website for information regarding the Public Hearing and 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 mitigation fee compliance option end date for mobile home furnaces from September 30, 2021 to September 30, 2023, with no change to the mitigation fee, recordkeeping, and reporting requirements. The proposed amended rule will also extend the high altitude ($\geq 4,200$ feet above sea level) exemption end date from September 30, 2021 to December 31, 2021 and provide an exemption for downflow and large-sized ($\geq 100,000$ btu/hr) furnaces installed in the high altitude areas, with recordkeeping requirements.

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 pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 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:

- 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/rule-1111>, 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, 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 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, MKrause@aqmd.gov, (909) 396-2706. CEQA inquiries can be directed to: Kendra Reif, kreif@aqmd.gov, (909) 396-2492. Socioeconomic Impact Assessment inquiries can be directed to: Brian Vlasich, bvlasich@aqmd.gov, (909) 396-2167. Comments and inquiries can also be submitted to the attention of the above person(s) to Planning, Rule Development and Area Sources, South Coast AQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765.

Interested persons may provide oral or written statements at the Public Hearing. Ten (10) copies of all hard copy written materials must be submitted to the Clerk of the Boards. 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, August 31, 2021.

Americans with Disabilities Act and Language Accessibility

Disability and language-related accommodations can be requested to allow participation in the Governing Board meeting. The agenda will be made available, upon request, in appropriate alternative formats to assist persons with a disability (Gov. Code Section 54954.2(a)). In addition, other documents may be requested in alternative formats and languages. Any disability or language-related accommodation must be requested as soon as practicable. Requests will be accommodated unless providing the accommodation would result in a fundamental alteration or undue burden to the South Coast AQMD. Please contact the Clerk of the Boards Office, South Coast AQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA, 91765-4178, at (909) 396-2500 (for TTY, 909-396-3560) from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, or send the request to PICrequests@aqmd.gov.

DATED: July 28, 2021

FAYE THOMAS
Clerk of the Boards