

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 NOx 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 (SCAQMD), or the amendments thereto, will be held on **March 2, 2018**, in the Auditorium at SCAQMD Headquarters, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765, at 9:00 a.m., at which time evidence will be taken and all interested persons will be heard by the SCAQMD Board.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the SCAQMD is considering the adoption of Proposed Amended Rule 1111. The proposed amended rule will: (1) extend the mitigation fee alternate compliance option by 1.5 years for condensing furnaces, and one year for both non-condensing and weatherized furnaces; (2) increase the mitigation fee in two phases for non-compliant furnaces based on furnace heat input capacity; and (3) provide an exemption of the mitigation fee increase for furnaces that are subject to a contractual agreement, signed prior to January 1, 2018, by Original Equipment Manufacturers for new housing developments. As a companion to the Proposed Amended Rule 1111, the SCAQMD also proposes establishing a rebate program to benefit consumers and incentivize the purchase of lower-emitting compliant furnaces.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Proposed Amended Rule 1111 – Reduction of NOx 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 Proposed Amended Rule 1111 does not impose a new emission limit or standard, make an existing emission 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 Section 40727.2 is not required.

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

Proposed Amended Rule 1111
Staff Report for Proposed Amended Rule 1111
Subsequent Environmental Assessment for Proposed Amended Rule 1111 prepared pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)
Socioeconomic Impact Assessment for Proposed Amended Rule 1111 included in the Staff Report

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the above documents may be obtained from the SCAQMD's Public Information Center located in the SCAQMD headquarters lobby, or the SCAQMD's publication request line at (909) 396-2039 or from: Ms. Fabian Wesson – Assistant Deputy Executive Officer/Public Advisor, SCAQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765, PICrequests@aqmd.gov.

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

Questions, comments, or requests for clarification regarding Proposed Amended Rule 1111 can be directed to Tracy A. Goss, Planning and Rules Manager, Planning, Rule Development and Area Sources, SCAQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765, tgoss@aqmd.gov or by calling (909) 396-3106. All CEQA inquiries can be directed to Ryan Bañuelos, CEQA Section, Office of Planning, Rule Development and Area Sources, SCAQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765, rbanuelos@aqmd.gov or by calling (909) 396-3479. All inquiries regarding the Socioeconomic Impact Assessment can be directed to Anthony Oliver, Socioeconomic Section, Office of Planning, Rule Development and Area Sources, SCAQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765, aoliver@aqmd.gov or by calling (909) 396-2851.

Interested persons may attend and submit oral or written statements at the Board Hearing. Twenty-five (25) copies of all written materials must be submitted to the Clerk of the Board. Individuals who wish to submit written comments for review prior to the hearing 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 Tuesday, February 20, 2018. Electronic submittals will only be accepted if no more than 10 pages including attachments, and in MS Word, plain, or HTML format.

DATED: January 24, 2018

DENISE GARZARO
Clerk of the Board