

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED ADOPTION OF, OR AMENDMENT TO,
THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

RE: Proposed Rule 1480 – Ambient Monitoring and Sampling of Metal Toxic Air Contaminants

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, December 6, 2019 in the Auditorium at South Coast AQMD 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 South Coast AQMD Board.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the South Coast AQMD is considering the adoption of Proposed Rule 1480. Proposed Rule 1480 is needed to monitor metal toxic air contaminants near certain facilities that are determined to pose a significant health risk to a residential or sensitive receptor until permanent pollution controls can be installed that reduce that significant health risk. The proposed rule will establish a process to require a facility to conduct ambient monitoring and sampling of metal toxic air contaminants if the facility is posing a significant health risk to a resident or sensitive receptor in addition to other criteria. A facility that is designated will be required to submit a Monitoring and Sampling Plan and conduct ambient monitoring and sampling. The proposed rule includes an alternative monitoring and sampling provision where the facility can elect to have the South Coast AQMD conduct ambient monitoring and sampling for a fee. The proposed rule also has monitoring, reporting, and recordkeeping requirements, and provisions to reduce and cease monitoring and sampling provided certain criteria are met.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Proposed Rule 1480 – Ambient Monitoring and Sampling of Metal Toxic Air Contaminants will not be submitted for inclusion into the State Implementation Plan.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a written analysis pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 40727.2 has been prepared that identifies all existing federal air pollution control requirements, all South Coast AQMD existing and proposed rules and regulations, and all pollution control requirements and guidelines of which South Coast AQMD has been informed pursuant to statute that apply to the same equipment or source type as the rule proposed for adoption.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that South Coast AQMD staff has reviewed the proposed project pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15002(k) and 15061 and has determined that Proposed Rule 1480 is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15061(b)(3), 15306, and 15308. 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.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the South Coast AQMD staff has prepared the following documents relevant to the proposed rule, including:

Proposed Rule 1480
Staff Report for Proposed Rule 1480
Socioeconomic Assessment for Proposed Rule 1480, included in the Staff Report
Comparative Analysis for Proposed Rule 1480, included in the Staff Report

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the above documents are available and may be obtained from the South Coast AQMD's Public Information Center located in the South Coast AQMD headquarters lobby, or 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.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that at the conclusion of the public hearing, the South Coast AQMD Board may make other modifications to Proposed Rule 1480, which are justified by the evidence presented, or may decline to adopt it.

Questions, comments or requests for clarification regarding Proposed Rule 1480 can be directed to Min Sue, Planning, Rule Development and Area Sources, South Coast AQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765, msue@aqmd.gov, (909) 396-3241. All CEQA inquiries can be directed to Luke Eisenhardt, CEQA Section, Office of Planning, Rule Development and Area Sources, South Coast AQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765, leisenhardt@aqmd.gov or by calling (909) 396-2324. All inquiries regarding the Socioeconomic Assessment can be directed to Brian Vlasich, Socioeconomic Section, Office of Planning, Rule Development and Area Sources, South Coast AQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765, bvlasich@aqmd.gov, (909) 396-2167.

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 Boards. Individuals who wish to submit written comments for review prior to the hearing must submit such comments to the Clerk of the Boards, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA, 91765-4178, (909) 396-2500, or to cob@aqmd.gov on or before Tuesday, November 26, 2019. Electronic submittals will only be accepted if no more than 10 pages including attachments; and in MS Word, plain or HTML format.

DATED: October 30, 2019

DENISE GARZARO
Clerk of the Boards