

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 301 – Permitting and Associated Fees
(INCLUSION OF CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT FOR EMISSIONS REPORTS)

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, July 12, 2019 in the Auditorium at South Coast AQMD Headquarters, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765, at 9:00 a.m., or later, 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 Amended Rule 301 – Permitting and Associated Fees. More specifically, the South Coast AQMD is proposing to add subparagraph (e)(8)(D) to Proposed Amended Rule 301. The proposed language will read:

The reported emissions shall be certified by an authorized official. For purposes of reporting, an “authorized official” is defined as an individual who has knowledge and responsibility for emissions data and has been authorized by an officer of the permit holder to submit and certify the accuracy of the data presented in the emissions report on behalf of the permit holder, based on best available knowledge.

This subparagraph is necessary to: 1) meet a federal requirement; and 2) require facilities to certify that information contained within annual emission reports is accurate to the best knowledge of the official certifying the report. This certification is already conducted in practice but is now being proposed for inclusion within the rule.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this rulemaking is in addition to Rule 301 changes proposed for adoption at the May 3, 2019 Governing Board Meeting, some of which are being further considered at the June 7, 2019 Governing Board Meeting.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Proposed Amended Rule 301(e)(1)(A) and (B), (e)(2), (e)(5) and (e)(8) 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 301(e)(1)(A) and (B), (e)(2), (e)(5) and (e)(8) implement §182(a)(3)(B) of the Clean Air Act.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Proposed Amended Rule 301 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 South Coast AQMD staff has reviewed the proposed project pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15002 (k) – General Concepts, the three-step process for deciding which document to prepare for a project subject to CEQA and CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 – Review for Exemption, procedures for determining if a project is exempt from CEQA and has determined that the proposed amendments to Rule 301 are exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) – Common Sense Exemption. A Notice of Exemption will be prepared pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15062 – Notice of Exemption, 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 South Coast AQMD staff is preparing documents, for consideration by the South Coast AQMD Board, including:

- Proposed Amended Rule 301 – Permitting and Associated Fees
- Staff Report for Proposed Amended Rule 301

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the above documents will be available no later than June 11, 2019 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) 396-2039, or from: Ms. Fabian Wesson – Assistant Deputy Executive Officer/Public Advisor, South Coast AQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765, PICrequests@aqmd.gov, or online at: <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/rules-compliance/rules/scaqmd-rule-book/proposed-rules>

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that at the conclusion of the public hearing, the South Coast AQMD Board may make other modifications to Proposed Amended Rule 301, 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 301 can be directed to Mr. Shah Dabirian, sdabirian@aqmd.gov, (909) 396-3076. All CEQA inquiries can be directed to Mr. Ryan Bañuelos, rbanuelos@aqmd.gov or by calling (909) 396-3479. Written correspondence can be directed to either individual at South Coast AQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765.

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, (909) 396-2500, or to cob@aqmd.gov on or before Friday, June 28, 2019. Electronic submittals will only be accepted if no more than 10 pages including attachments; and in MS Word, plain, or HTML format.

Documents to be distributed at this meeting/event will be made available upon request in appropriate alternative formats to assist persons with a disability. Disability-related accommodations will also be made available to allow participation in the meeting/event. Any accommodations 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 organization. Please telephone the Public Advisors’ Office at (909) 396-2432 from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday.

DATED: June 5, 2019

DENISE GARZARO
Clerk of the Boards