

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 (South Coast AQMD), or the amendments thereto, will be held on Friday, **September 1, 2023**, in the Dr. William A. Burke Auditorium at South Coast AQMD, 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 Governing Board. The meeting will be conducted through a hybrid format of in-person and/or virtual attendance via videoconferencing and by telephone with opportunities for public comment. Please refer to the instructions on South Coast AQMD's website regarding the format of the Public Hearing, updates if the meeting is changed to a full remote via webcast format, and 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 1111 – Reduction of NOx Emissions from Natural-Gas-Fired, Fan-Type Central Furnaces (PAR 1111). The objective of PAR 1111 is to extend the mitigation fee alternate compliance option for mobile home furnaces by two years, which will allow manufacturers to continue to comply by paying a mitigation fee for units certified by the South Coast AQMD for 40 nanogram per Joule oxides of nitrogen (NOx) emissions, with recordkeeping and reporting requirements, until September 30, 2025.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that PAR 1111 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 1111 implements Sections 110, 172, and 182(e) of the Clean Air Act.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that PAR 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; therefore, a comparative analysis pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 40727.2 is not required.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Sections 15002(k) and 15061, the proposed project (PAR 1111) 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 county clerks of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties, and with the State Clearinghouse of the Governor's Office of Planning and Research.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that PAR 1111 does not significantly affect air quality or emission limitations, and that there are no significant adverse socioeconomic impacts, so that no socioeconomic impact assessment has been prepared.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the South Coast AQMD staff has prepared documents, for consideration by the South Coast AQMD Governing Board, including:

- Draft PAR 1111
- Draft Staff Report for PAR 1111

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 by calling the 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, PublicAdvisor@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 Governing Board may make other modifications to PAR 1111, which are justified by the evidence presented, or may decline to adopt some or all of the proposed amendments.

Please direct questions, comments, or requests for clarification regarding PAR 1111 to Peter Campbell, pcampbell@aqmd.gov, (909) 396-2527. Please direct CEQA inquiries to Sina Taghvaei, Ph.D., staghvaei@aqmd.gov, (909) 396-2192, and Socioeconomic Impact Assessment inquiries to Xian-Liang (Tony) Tian, Ph.D., ttian@aqmd.gov, (909) 396-2323. Comments and inquiries can also be submitted to the attention of the above person(s) to Planning, Rule Development, and Implementation, South Coast AQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765.

Interested persons may provide oral 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 Boards, 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 29, 2023.

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DATED: July 20, 2023

FAYE THOMAS
Clerk of the Boards