

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 1178 –
Further Reductions of VOC Emissions from Storage Tanks at Petroleum Facilities**

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 by videoconferencing and telephone with opportunities for public comment. Please refer to the South Coast AQMD's website for information 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 1178 – Further Reductions of VOC Emissions from Storage Tanks at Petroleum Facilities (PAR 1178) to implement best available retrofit control technology and recommendations made in the Wilmington, Carson, West Long Beach Community Emission Reduction Plan that include improved leak detection and repair requirements and additional controls. PAR 1178 would require optical gas imaging inspections and more stringent control requirements such as domes and secondary seals for additional tanks, more stringent gap requirements, and increased emission control efficiency for fixed roof tanks. PAR 1178 would also include additional reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that PAR 1178 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 1178 implements Sections 110, 172, and 182(e) of the federal Clean Air Act.

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

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 1178
- Draft Staff Report for PAR 1178
- Comparative Analysis for PAR 1178, included in the Draft Staff Report

- Draft Environmental Assessment for PAR 1178, prepared pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)
- Draft Socioeconomic Impact Assessment for PAR 1178

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-1178>, or by calling the Public Information Center at (909) 396-2001, or from: 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, the South Coast AQMD Governing Board may make other modifications to PAR 1178, which are justified by the evidence presented, or may decline to adopt some or all of the proposed amended rule.

Questions, comments, or requests for clarification regarding PAR 1178 can be directed to: Melissa Gamoning at mgamoning@aqmd.gov, (909) 396-3115. CEQA inquiries can be directed to: Kevin Ni, kni@aqmd.gov, (909) 396-2462. Socioeconomic Impact Assessment inquiries can be directed to: Tony Tian, tian@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 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: Clerk of the Boards, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA, 91765-4178, (909) 396-2500, or to cob@aqmd.gov on or before 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 29, 2023.

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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. Requests can be sent to the Clerk of the Boards, South Coast AQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA, 91765-4178, at (909) 396-2500 (for TTY, 909-396-3560) or send the request to cob@aqmd.gov.

DATED: July 20, 2023

FAYE THOMAS
Clerk of the Boards