

## 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 463 – Organic Liquid Storage; and  
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, **May 5, 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. Given health and safety concerns, the meeting format may be changed to full remote via webcast. 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 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 463 – Organic Liquid Storage (PAR 463) and Proposed Amended Rule 1178 – Further Reductions of VOC Emissions from Storage Tanks at Petroleum Facilities (PAR 1178) to address the reasonably available control technology deficiency identified in California Air Resources Board's Oil and Gas Methane Rule that partially relies on Rules 463 and 1178. PAR 463 and PAR 1178 will align the applicability with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's 2016 Control Techniques Guidelines for the Oil and Natural Gas Industry to include tanks with a potential to emit of six tons per year or more that are used in the oil and gas industry.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that PAR 463 and 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 463 and PAR 1178 implement 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 rules proposed for amendment.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines sections 15002(k) and 15061, PAR 463 and PAR 1178 is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines sections 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 the State Clearinghouse of the Governor's Office of Planning and Research.

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

- Draft PAR 463
- Draft PAR 1178
- Draft Staff Report for PAR 463 and 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](mailto: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 463 and PAR 1178, which are justified by the evidence presented, or may decline to adopt some or all of the proposed amended rules. Substantive amendments to Rule 1178 based on the assessment of best available retrofit control technology will not be up for consideration at this Public Hearing, which is limited to the proposed technical amendments on applicability in Rule 463 and Rule 1178; other amendments to Rule 1178 will be proposed at a separate Public Hearing tentatively scheduled for August 4, 2023.

Questions, comments, or requests for clarification regarding PAR 463 and PAR 1178 can be directed to: Melissa Gamoning at [mgamoning@aqmd.gov](mailto:mgamoning@aqmd.gov), (909) 396-3115. CEQA inquiries can be directed to: Jivar Afshar, [jafshar@aqmd.gov](mailto:jafshar@aqmd.gov), (909) 396-2040. Socioeconomic Impact Assessment inquiries can be directed to: Tony Tian, [ttian@aqmd.gov](mailto: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 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](mailto:cob@aqmd.gov) on or before 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 2, 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](mailto:cob@aqmd.gov).

DATED: March 24, 2023

FAYE THOMAS  
Clerk of the Boards