

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 Rule 1147.2 –
NOx Reductions from Metal Melting and Heating 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, April 1, 2022 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 the health and safety concerns regarding the coronavirus (COVID-19), auditorium seating availability may be limited, and 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 Rule (PR) 1147.2. The objective of PR 1147.2 is to reduce nitrogen oxide (NOx) emissions and limit carbon monoxide (CO) emissions from metal melting, metal heat treating, metal heating, and metal forging furnaces that require a South Coast AQMD permit at Regional Clean Air Incentives Market (RECLAIM), former RECLAIM, and non-RECLAIM facilities. PR 1147.2 defines applicable equipment categories, updates NOx emission limits, and establishes a new CO limit. PR 1147.2 also includes compliance schedules with interim emission limits as well as provisions for monitoring, reporting, recordkeeping, and exemptions from specific provisions.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that PR 1147.2 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 the PR 1147.2 implements Sections 110, 172, and 182(e) of the 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 federal air pollution control requirements, all South Coast AQMD existing and proposed rules and regulations, and all pollution control requirements and guidelines that apply to the same equipment or source type as the rule proposed for adoption.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Sections 15002(k) and 15061, PR 1147.2 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 State Clearinghouse of the Governor's Office of Planning and Research, and 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 for consideration by the South Coast AQMD Governing Board, including:

- PR 1147.2
- Staff Report for PR 1147.2
- Draft Socioeconomic Impact Assessment for PR 1147.2, included in the Staff Report
- Comparative Analysis for PR 1147.2, included in the Staff Report

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-1147-2--rule-1147-and-rule-1100>, or by contacting the Public Information Center at (909) 396-2001 or from: Derrick Alatorre – 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 PR 1147.2, which are justified by the evidence presented, or may decline to adopt some or all of the proposed rule.

Questions, comments or requests for clarification regarding PR 1147.2 can be directed to: James McCreary, jmccreary@aqmd.gov, (909) 396-2451. CEQA inquiries can be directed to: Kevin Ni, kni@aqmd.gov, (909) 396-2462. Socioeconomic Impact Assessment inquiries can be directed to: Brian Vlasich, bvlasich@aqmd.gov, (909) 396-2167. Comments and inquiries can also be submitted to the attention of the above person(s) to Planning, Rule Development and Area Sources, 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 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, March 29, 2022.

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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: February 18, 2022

FAYE THOMAS
Clerk of the Boards