

## 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 (SCAQMD), or the amendments thereto, will be held on Friday, July 6, 2018, in the Auditorium at SCAQMD 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 SCAQMD Board.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the SCAQMD is considering the adoption of Proposed Amended Rule 1111. The Proposed Amended Rule will require the manufacturer of any furnace that is distributed or sold within the SCAQMD to add information to the existing labeling required for each furnace and its shipping container that is using the alternate compliance option to pay a mitigation fee because the unit is not certified to meet the 14 ng/J certification limit.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the Proposed Amended Rule 1111 also requires that the consumer brochure and technical specification sheet for furnaces utilizing the alternate compliance option, as well as the manufacturer's website, include language to inform consumers about units that do not meet the 14 ng/J certification limit and are subject to a mitigation fee.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the air quality objective of the proposed rule amendment is to inform the consumer market that non-compliant furnaces are subject to the mitigation fee, while compliant furnaces are commercially available and eligible for a consumer rebate.

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

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that Proposed Amended Rule 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 and, therefore, a comparative analysis pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 40727.2 is not required.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the SCAQMD 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 1111 are exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) – Activities Covered by General Rule. 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 the SCAQMD staff has prepared documents for consideration by the SCAQMD Board, including:

Proposed Amended Rule 1111  
Staff Report for Proposed Amended Rule 1111  
Socioeconomic Impact Assessment for Proposed Amended Rule 1111 included in  
the Staff Report

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the above documents may be obtained from the SCAQMD's Public Information Center located in the SCAQMD headquarters lobby, or the SCAQMD's publication request line at (909) 396-2039 or from: Ms. Fabian Wesson – Assistant Deputy Executive Officer/Public Advisor, SCAQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765, [PICrequests@aqmd.gov](mailto:PICrequests@aqmd.gov).

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that at the conclusion of the public hearing, consistent with Health and Safety Code Section 40726, the SCAQMD Board may make other modifications to Proposed Amended Rule 1111, 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 1111 can be directed to Tracy A. Goss, Planning and Rules Manager, Planning, Rule Development and Area Sources, SCAQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765, [tgoss@aqmd.gov](mailto:tgoss@aqmd.gov) or by calling (909) 396-3106. All CEQA inquiries can be directed to Ryan Bañuelos, CEQA Section, Office of Planning, Rule Development and Area Sources, SCAQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765, [rbanuelos@aqmd.gov](mailto:rbanuelos@aqmd.gov) or by calling (909) 396-3479. All inquiries regarding the Socioeconomic Impact Assessment can be directed to Shah Dabirian, Socioeconomic Section, Office of Planning, Rule Development and Area Sources, SCAQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765, [sdabirian@aqmd.gov](mailto:sdabirian@aqmd.gov) or by calling (909) 396-3076.

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, 91765-4178, (909) 396-2500, or to [cob@aqmd.gov](mailto:cob@aqmd.gov) on or before Tuesday, June 26, 2018. Electronic submittals will only be accepted if no more than 10 pages including attachments, and in MS Word, plain, or HTML format.

DATED: May 30, 2018

DENISE GARZARO  
Clerk of the Board