

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

RE: Proposed Amended Rule 219 – Equipment Not Requiring a Written Permit Pursuant to Regulation II

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, April 6, 2018, in the Auditorium at SCAQMD Headquarters, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 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 (PAR) 1178. The objective of PAR 1178 is to provide storage tank operators with the option of using a flexible enclosure system for controlling VOC emissions from a slotted guidepole. PAR 1178 also specifies the combination of components that must be used when a flexible enclosure system is used and also clarifies maintenance, recordkeeping, and reporting requirements.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the SCAQMD is also considering the adoption of PAR 219. The objective of PAR 219 is to exempt from permitting the replacement of a slotted guidepole control configuration having a pole float with a configuration that has a pole sleeve or a pole sleeve combined with a flexible enclosure system.

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 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 SCAQMD existing and proposed rules and regulations, and all pollution control requirements that apply to the same equipment or source type as the rule amendments proposed for adoption.

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 Rules 1178 and 219 are exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 (b)(3) – Activities Covered by General Rule. A Notice of Exemption (NOE) will be prepared pursuant to CEQA Guidelines

Section 15062 - Notice of Exemption, and if the project is approved, the NOE will be filed with the county clerks of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino counties.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the SCAQMD has prepared documents for consideration by the SCAQMD Board, including:

Proposed Amended Rule 1178 – Further Reductions of VOC Emissions from Storage Tanks at Petroleum Facilities
Proposed Amended Rule 219 – Equipment Not Requiring a Written Permit Pursuant to Regulation II
Draft Staff Report for Proposed Amended Rules 1178 and 219
Socioeconomic Impact Assessment for Proposed Amended Rules 1178 and 219, included in the Staff Report
Comparative Analysis for Proposed Amended Rules 1178 and 219, included in the Draft Staff Report

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

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that at the conclusion of the public hearing, the SCAQMD Board may make other modifications to PARs 1178 and 219, which are justified by the evidence presented, or may decline the amendments.

Questions, comments or requests for clarification regarding PARs 1178 and 219 should be directed to Kennard Ellis, Planning, Rule Development and Area Sources, SCAQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765, kellis@aqmd.gov, (909) 396-2457. All CEQA inquiries should be directed to Ryan Banuelos, CEQA Section, Planning, Rule Development and Area Sources, SCAQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765, rbanuelos@aqmd.gov, (909) 396-3479. All inquiries regarding the Socioeconomic Impact Assessment should be directed to Shah Dabirian, Socioeconomic Section, Planning, Rule Development and Area Sources, SCAQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765, sdabirian@aqmd.gov, (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 on or before Tuesday, March 27, 2018. Electronic submittals will only be accepted if no more than 10 pages including attachments; and in MS Word, plain, or HTML format.

DATED: February 28, 2018

DENISE GARZARO
Clerk of the Boards