

South Coast Air Quality Management District
Notice of Public Workshop and CEQA Scoping Meeting

Proposed Rule 1179.1 – NO_x Emission Reductions from Combustion Equipment at Publicly Owned Treatment Works Facilities

Wednesday, July 22, 2020

9:00 a.m.

<https://scaqmd.zoom.us/j/95735021417?pwd=ckthTzZWb3BwYis0QlFtVk02TFE0dz09>

Meeting ID: 957 3502 1417 and Password: 203164

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Purpose of This Meeting

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) has scheduled a public workshop on Proposed Rule (PR) 1179.1 – NO_x Emission Reductions from Combustion Equipment at Publicly Owned Treatment Works Facilities to solicit comments. PR 1179.1 is scheduled for a public hearing before the South Coast AQMD Governing Board on October 2, 2020.

To be consistent with Governor Newsom’s Executive Order N-29-20 (March 17, 2020) and to ensure safe social distancing is practiced, the Public Workshop will be conducted via video conferencing (Zoom), which can be accessed via your computer or smart phone using the information provided above. Alternatively, participants may phone in using the number provided. We understand that this is not the same as a face to face public meeting; however, staff will take the time to listen to comments from the public and all stakeholders.

Proposed Rule 1179.1 Background

PR 1179.1 establishes NO_x, CO, and/or VOC emission limits for digester gas fired equipment including boilers, engines, and turbines located at publicly owned treatment works (POTWs). Combustion equipment fueled with digester gas currently regulated under other source-specific rules will instead be addressed under PR 1179.1. This approach allows staff to recognize and address the unique characteristics and challenges of using digester gas at POTWs.

Proposed Rule Objectives

PR 1179.1 will establish NO_x and CO emission limits for digester gas fired boilers and turbines at POTWs. PR 1179.1 will also establish NO_x, CO, and VOC emission limits from digester gas fired engines at POTWs. In addition, PR 1179.1 incorporates existing provisions for monitoring, reporting, and recordkeeping from other source-specific rules that are currently regulating boilers, engines, and turbines located at POTWs. Affected facilities would continue to meet NO_x and other pollutant emission limits when using natural gas.

California Environmental Quality Act

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and South Coast AQMD’s certified regulatory program (Public Resources Code Section 21080.5, CEQA Guidelines Section 15251(l) and South Coast AQMD Rule 110), the South Coast AQMD, as lead agency, is reviewing the

proposed project to determine if it will result in any potential adverse environmental impacts. Appropriate CEQA documentation will be prepared based on the analysis. Comments and suggestions regarding the CEQA analysis may be directed to:

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Available Supporting Documents

The following supporting documents will be available prior to the start of the public workshop:

- PR 1179.1 – NO_x Emission Reductions from Combustion Equipment at Publicly Owned Treatment Works Facilities
- Preliminary Draft Staff Report for PR 1179.1

These documents and others related to this rulemaking may be accessed from the South Coast AQMD website at:

<http://www.aqmd.gov/home/rules-compliance/rules/scaqmd-rule-book/proposed-rules#1179.1>

Americans with Disabilities Act and Language Accessibility

Disability and language-related accommodations can be requested to allow participation in the public workshop. The agenda will be made available, upon request, in appropriate alternative formats to assist persons with a disability (Gov't 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 District. Please contact Michael Morris at (909) 396-3282 from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, or send the request to mmorris@aqmd.gov.

Submission of Documents or Comments

You are invited to provide written comments, documents, or other information relevant to PR 1179.1 by August 5, 2020 to:

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