South Coast Air Quality Management District Notice of Public Consultation Meeting

PROPOSED AMENDED RULE 1111 – REDUCTION OF NOx EMISSIONS FROM NATURAL-GAS-FIRED, FAN-TYPE CENTRAL FURNACES

Wednesday, July 19, 2023 2:00 p.m.

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This Public Consultation meeting will be conducted via video conferencing (Zoom), which can be accessed via your computer or smart phone. Alternatively, stakeholders can phone-in to participate. We understand that this is not the same as an in-person public meeting; however, staff will take the time to listen to comments from all stakeholders. You are invited to attend the meeting electronically through Zoom or by phone. Instructions on how to participate can be found at the top of this notice.

Purpose of This Meeting

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) has scheduled a public consultation meeting to present and solicit information and suggestions from the public on Proposed Amended Rule 1111 – Reduction of NOx Emissions from Natural-Gas-Fired, Fan-Type Central Furnaces (PAR 1111). PAR 1111 is scheduled for a Public Hearing before the South Coast AQMD Governing Board on September 1, 2023 (subject to change).

Background

Rule 1111 was adopted by the South Coast AQMD Governing Board in December 1978. This rule was amended several times, most recently in 2021. The key changes included lowering the NOx emission limit from 40 to 14 nanograms per Joule (ng/J) and providing more time to comply with the lower emission limit. Condensing, noncondensing, and weatherized furnaces already comply with the 14 ng/J NOx emission limit. The rule requires mobile home furnaces to meet the 14 ng/J NOx emission limit by October 1, 2023; however, there is limited availability of compliant furnaces.

Objective of Proposed Amended Rule

PAR 1111 will allow the manufacturers, distributors, sellers, and installers to sell, distribute and install 40 ng/J mobile home furnaces until October 1, 2025, with recordkeeping requirements. Following this rule amendment, staff intends to commence rule development to evaluate the feasibility of requiring zero-emission NOx technologies for residential and commercial buildings, including for mobile home heating units.

Available Supporting Documents

The following supporting documents will be available on or before the date of the public consultation meeting:

- Preliminary Draft Proposed Amended Rule 1111; and
- Preliminary Draft Staff Report for Proposed Amended Rule 1111.

To Obtain Copies of the Above Documents

Copies of the preliminary draft proposed amended rule and preliminary draft staff report will be available on or before the date of the public consultation meeting and may be obtained from:

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The documents will also be available for download from the South Coast AQMD website at: http://www.aqmd.gov/home/rules-compliance/rules/scaqmd-rule-book/proposed-rules/rule-1111

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Disability and language-related accommodations can be requested to allow participation in the public consultation meeting. 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 South Coast AQMD. Please contact Jacob Allen at (909) 396-2282 from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, or send the request to jallen2@aqmd.gov.

Submission of Documents or Comments

Please submit any relevant comments, documents, studies, reports, or other information to the contact information listed below:

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Written comments on PAR 1111 should be submitted by August 2, 2023.