

South Coast Air Quality Management District
Notice of Public Consultation Meetings

**PROPOSED AMENDED REGULATION III – FEES, PROPOSED AMENDED RULE
(PAR) 1480 – AMBIENT MONITORING AND SAMPLING OF METAL TOXIC AIR
CONTAMINANTS, and FISCAL YEAR 2020-21 PROPOSED BUDGET
AND WORK PROGRAM**

**Proposed Amended Regulation III - Fees and
PAR 1480 –Ambient Monitoring and Sampling
of Metal Toxic Air Contaminants**

Friday, March 13, 2020

2:00 p.m.

South Coast AQMD Headquarters
21865 Copley Drive
Diamond Bar, CA 91765
Conference Room CC-2

**Proposed Budget and Work Program,
Proposed Amended Regulation III,
& PAR 1480**

Tuesday, April 7, 2020

2:00 p.m.

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Conference Room CC-2

Purpose of Meetings

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) has scheduled two public consultation meetings. The purpose of the first meeting is to solicit comments on Proposed Amended Regulation III – Fees and Proposed Amended Rule (PAR) 1480 – Ambient Monitoring and Sampling of Metal Toxic Air Contaminants. The purpose of the second meeting is to present the South Coast AQMD’s Proposed Budget and Work Program, Proposed Amended Regulation III and PAR 1480 for Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-21. These public consultation meetings will provide an opportunity for all stakeholders to discuss Proposed Amended Regulation III and PAR 1480, and the Proposed Budget and Work Program. Proposed Amended Regulation III and PAR 1480 are scheduled for adoption at the May 1, 2020 Public Hearing.

Regulation III and Rule 1480 Background

Regulation III primarily establishes the fee rates and schedules to recover South Coast AQMD’s costs of regulating and providing services to permitted sources. Rule 1480 (approved in December 2019) includes certain fees related to monitoring and sampling. These fees, which are not being increased, are being proposed for inclusion into Rules 301 and 306.

Summary of Proposed Changes to Regulation III and Rule 1480

Changes to Regulation III rules consist of several proposed components. First, staff is proposing to amend and update fees in Rules 301, 303, 304, 304.1, 306, 307.1, 308, 309, 311, 313, 314, and 315 effective July 1, 2020, to correspond with the increase in the Calendar Year 2019 California Consumer Price Index (CPI). Second, staff is proposing new or increased fees for cost recovery purposes in Rules 301 and 306, including but not limited to fees for alternative compliance plans for Rule 1466 and permit processing for HEPA controlled spray booths for Rule 1401 toxics. Third, staff is proposing minor administrative changes that include clarifications, deletions, or corrections to existing rule language in Rule 301, and removing existing fee provisions from Rule 1480 and including them in Rules 301 and 306. The Rule 1480 fees are not being increased.

California Environmental Quality Act

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and South Coast AQMD’s regulatory program which was certified pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080.5 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15251(I) and implemented via South Coast AQMD Rule 110, the South Coast AQMD, as lead agency for the proposed project, will review the proposed project to determine if any potential adverse environmental impacts will occur. Appropriate CEQA documentation for the proposed project will be prepared based on the analysis.

Comments and suggestions regarding the CEQA analysis may be directed to:

Ryan Bañuelos, rbanuelos@aqmd.gov, (909) 396 3479
Planning Rule Development & Area Sources
CEQA Section, South Coast AQMD
21865 Copley Drive
Diamond Bar, CA 91765

Supporting Documents

The following supporting documents will be available on or before March 15, 2020, on South Coast AQMD's website under the proposed amended rules section at:

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

- Proposed Amended Regulation III – Fees
- PAR 1480 – Ambient Monitoring and Sampling of Metal Toxic Air Contaminants
- Preliminary Draft Staff Report for Proposed Amended Regulation III – Fees and PAR 1480

The following additional supporting documents are expected to be available on or before April 1, 2020 on South Coast AQMD's website in the Finance section at <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/about/finance>:

- Proposed Budget and Work Program
- Draft Socioeconomic Assessment on the CPI-based Fee Increase (to be posted on March 13, 2020)
- Draft Socioeconomic Assessment for Proposed Amended Regulation III and Proposed Amended Rule 1480

Copies of the above documents may also be reviewed in the South Coast AQMD Library or by contacting:

Fabian Wesson, PICrequests@aqmd.gov, (909) 396-2039
Public Information Center
South Coast AQMD
21865 Copley Drive
Diamond Bar, CA 91765

Submission of Documents or Comments

You are invited to attend the public consultation meetings and may also send questions, comments, documents or other information relevant to the Proposed Budget and Work Program, Proposed Amended Regulation III, and PAR 1480 to:

Donna Peterson, dpeterson@aqmd.gov, (909) 396-2310
Financial Services Manager
South Coast AQMD
21865 Copley Drive
Diamond Bar, CA 91765

Written comments relating to the CPI-based fee increase must be received by Thursday, April 9, 2020 if they are to be incorporated into the Rule 320 report required by the Governing Board; however, later comments about the CPI increase, along with comments relating to the other proposed fee increases and administrative amendments will be considered and should be submitted no later than Friday, April 17, 2020 to be included in the staff report provided to the Governing Board.

The public hearing to consider adoption of the FY 2020-21 Budget and Work Program, fee adjustments, and Proposed Amended Regulation III and PAR 1480 is scheduled for Friday, May 1, 2020, at 9 a.m. in the auditorium at South Coast AQMD's Diamond Bar Headquarters.

Americans with Disabilities Act and Language Accessibility

Disability and language-related accommodations can be requested to allow participation in the Public Consultation Meetings. 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 Shah Dabirian at (909) 396-3076 from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, or send the request to sdabirian@aqmd.gov.