

**South Coast Air Quality Management District
Notice of Public Workshop**

**Proposed Rule 118.1 – Public Safety Provisions for Stationary Emergency Standby Engines
and
Proposed Amended Rule 1470 - Requirements for Stationary Diesel-Fueled Internal Combustion and
Other Compression Ignition Engines**

Thursday, July 29, 2021
1:00 p.m.

Pursuant to Governor Newsom’s Executive Order N-25-20 (March 12, 2020) and N-29-20 (March 17, 2020), this meeting will only be conducted via video conferencing and by telephone

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Purpose of This Meeting

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) has scheduled a Public Workshop for the purpose of soliciting information and suggestions from the public on Proposed Rule 118.1 – Public Safety Provisions for Stationary Emergency Standby Engines (PR 118.1) and Proposed Amended Rule 1470 – Requirements for Stationary Diesel-Fueled Internal Combustion and Other Compression Ignition Engines (PAR 1470). PR 118.1 and PAR 1470 are scheduled to be considered for adoption at a Public Hearing before the South Coast AQMD Governing Board on October 1, 2021.

Background

Over the past several years, electricity providers have implemented Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) events to proactively cut power to electrical lines to reduce the likelihood that infrastructure could cause or contribute to a wildfire. Facilities with emergency standby engines are limited to 200 hours per year. Some critical service facilities have exceeded the 200 hour limitation to ensure certain public services can be maintained to ensure public health and safety.

In addition, Rule 1470 specifies an annual limit of 20 hours for maintenance and testing of emergency standby engines with a diesel PM rate greater than 0.4 g/bhp-hr. A water district that provides water delivery and sewage services has stated that Rule 1470 provisions for certain engines do not allow adequate testing to ensure engines will operate during emergencies.

PR 118.1 and PAR 1470 Summary and Objectives

PR 118.1 will allow operators of emergency standby engines at critical service facilities to exclude operating hours during PSPS events from counting towards permit limits. PAR 1470 will provide an alternative maintenance and testing operating schedule that will not increase the total maintenance and testing hours for engines with a diesel PM emission rate greater than 0.4 g/bhp-hr and located in a very high fire hazard severity zone.

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 for the proposed project, will prepare the appropriate CEQA documentation for the proposed project in accordance with CEQA requirements.

Available Supporting Documents

The following supporting documents will be made available on or before July 16, 2021:

- Preliminary Draft Rule Language for PR 118.1 and PAR 1470
- Preliminary Draft Staff Report for PR 118.1 and PAR 1470

To Obtain Copies of the Above Documents

Copies of the preliminary draft versions of PR 118.1 and PAR 1470 and the preliminary draft staff report will be available on or before July 16, 2021 and may be obtained from:

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The documents are also available for download from the South Coast AQMD website at:

<http://www.aqmd.gov/home/regulations/rules/proposed-rules>

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 South Coast AQMD. Please contact Celia Diamond at (909) 396-3567 from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, or send the request to cdiamond@aqmd.gov.

Key Contact for Submitting Questions and Comments

Attendees are invited to ask questions and make comments during the Public Workshop. Questions, comments, documents, or other relevant information may also be directed to:

<p>Proposed Rule and Proposed Amended Rule: Tiffani To Planning, Rule Development and Area Sources 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765 Phone: (909) 396-2738 Email: tto@aqmd.gov</p>	<p>CEQA: Kendra Reif Planning, Rule Development and Area Sources, CEQA Section 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765 Phone: (909) 396-2492 Email: kreif@aqmd.gov</p>
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Written comments on the preliminary draft versions of PR 118.1 and PAR 1470 should be submitted by August 6, 2021.