

## 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 1111 – Reduction of NOx Emissions from Natural-Gas-Fired, Fan-Type Central Furnaces**

**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 (South Coast AQMD), or the amendments thereto, will be held on **December 6, 2019**, in the Auditorium at South Coast AQMD Headquarters, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765, at 9:00 a.m., at which time evidence will be taken and all interested persons will be heard by the South Coast AQMD Board.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the South Coast AQMD is considering the adoption of Proposed Amended Rule 1111. The proposed amended rule will exempt condensing furnaces and non-condensing furnaces installed in high altitude areas (at or greater than 4,500 feet above sea level) from complying with the 14 ng/J NOx emission limit until October 1, 2020; furnaces installed at these altitudes will be required to meet the existing 40 ng/J NOx emission limit until that time.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that Proposed Amended Rule 1111 – Reduction of NOx Emissions from Natural-Gas-Fired, Fan-Type Central Furnaces 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 Proposed Amended Rule 1111 implements Sections 110, 172, 182(e), and 189 of the Clean Air Act.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the South Coast AQMD staff has reviewed the proposed project pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15002 (k) – General Concepts, the three-step process for deciding which document to prepare for a project subject to CEQA and CEQA Guidelines §15061 – Review for Exemption, procedures for determining if a project is exempt from CEQA and has determined that the proposed amendments to Rule 1111 are exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines § 15061(b)(3) where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility the activity may have a significant effect on the environment. A Notice of Exemption (NOE) will be prepared pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §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 South Coast AQMD staff has prepared documents, for consideration by the South Coast AQMD Board, including:

Proposed Amended Rule 1111  
Draft Board Letter (serves as the Draft Staff Report)

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the above documents may be obtained from the South Coast AQMD's Public Information Center located in the South Coast AQMD headquarters lobby, or the South Coast AQMD'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](mailto:PICrequests@aqmd.gov).

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that at the conclusion of the public hearing, consistent with Health and Safety Code Section 40726, the South Coast AQMD Board may make other modifications to Proposed Amended Rule 1111, which are justified by the evidence presented, or may decline to adopt the proposed amendments.

Questions, comments, or requests for clarification regarding Proposed Amended Rule 1111 can be directed to Michael Krause, Planning and Rules Manager, Planning, Rule Development and Area Sources, South Coast AQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765, [mkrause@aqmd.gov](mailto:mkrause@aqmd.gov) or by calling (909) 396-2706. All CEQA inquiries can be directed to Ryan Bañuelos, CEQA Section, Office of Planning, Rule Development and Area Sources, South Coast AQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765, [rbanuelos@aqmd.gov](mailto:rbanuelos@aqmd.gov) or by calling (909) 396-3479.

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](mailto:cob@aqmd.gov) on or before Tuesday, November 26, 2019. Electronic submittals will only be accepted if no more than 10 pages including attachments, and in MS Word, plain, or HTML format.

DATED: November 5, 2019

DENISE GARZARO  
Clerk of the Board