

South Coast Air Quality Management District
Notice of Public Workshop and CEQA Scoping Meeting
Proposed Rule 1118.1 – Control of Emissions from Non-Refinery Flares

October 17, 2018

10:00 A.M.

South Coast Air Quality Management District Headquarters
21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765
Auditorium

PURPOSE OF THE PUBLIC WORKSHOP

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) scheduled a public workshop for the purpose of soliciting information and suggestions from the public on Proposed Rule 1118.1 – Control of Emissions from Non-Refinery Flares (PR1118.1). PR1118.1 is scheduled to be adopted at a Public Hearing before the SCAQMD Governing Board on December 7, 2018.

PROPOSED RULE 1118.1 BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVE

PR1118.1 will implement, in part, the 2016 Air Quality Management Plan Control Measure CMB-03 – Emission Reductions from Non-Refinery Flares and facilitate the transition of the NO_x RECLAIM program to a command-and-control regulatory structure. PR1118.1 applies to RECLAIM and non-RECLAIM facilities that operate non-refinery flares located at landfills, wastewater treatment plants, oil and gas production facilities, organic liquid loading stations, and tank farms. The proposed rule seeks to reduce NO_x and VOC emissions from flaring process gas, digester gas, landfill gas, and other combustible gases and vapors, and to encourage alternatives to flaring. PR1118.1 does not apply to flares at petroleum refineries, sulfur recovery plants, and hydrogen production plants subject to SCAQMD Rule – 1118 – Control of Emissions from Refinery Flares.

The proposed rule includes NO_x and VOC emission limits that reflect Best Available Retrofit Control Technology (BARCT) standards and a capacity threshold that seeks to identify routine flaring. PR1118.1 provides exemption for low-use and low-emitting flares. Additionally, PR1118.1 establishes provisions for source testing, monitoring, reporting, and record keeping.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and SCAQMD Rule 110, the SCAQMD, as lead agency for the proposed project, will be reviewing PR1118.1 and will determine if PR1118.1 will result in any potential adverse environmental impacts. Appropriate CEQA documentation for the proposed project will be prepared based on the analysis. In the event that the proposed project may have statewide, regional, or area-wide significance, a CEQA scoping meeting is required pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21083.9(a)(2) and will be held concurrently with the Public Workshop.

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

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AVAILABILITY OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

The following supporting documents will be available on September 21, 2018

- Proposed Rule 1118.1 – Control of Emissions from Non-Refinery Flares
- Preliminary Draft Staff Report for Proposed Rule 1118.1

TO OBTAIN COPIES OF THE ABOVE DOCUMENTS

Copies of the proposed rule and the preliminary draft staff report may be obtained from:

Ms. Fabian Wesson
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The documents are also available for download from the SCAQMD website at:

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

SUBMISSION OF DOCUMENTS OR COMMENTS

You are invited to attend the meeting and may also send comments, documents, studies, reports, or other information relevant to the proposed rule to:

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Written comments on this rule should be submitted by October 31, 2018.