

South Coast Air Quality Management District
Notice of Public Workshop

**Proposed Amended Rule 1178 – Further Reductions of VOC Emissions from Storage
Tanks at Petroleum Facilities**

Thursday, September 3, 2020
10:00 am

Zoom Link

<https://scaqmd.zoom.us/j/92802478389?pwd=R2lCLzA0eDF4dUtYNEpOT3JBcnZOQT09>

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Purpose of This Meeting

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) has scheduled a Public Workshop to obtain comments from the public regarding Proposed Amended Rule (PAR) 1178. PAR 1178 is scheduled for a Public Hearing before the South Coast AQMD Governing Board on November 6, 2020.

Consistent with Governor Newsom’s Executive Order N-29-20 (March 17, 2020) and to ensure safe social distancing is practiced, this Public Workshop will be conducted remotely via video conferencing (Zoom), which can be accessed via your computer or smart phone using the information provided above. Alternatively, participants may join the meeting by calling the phone number provided. We understand that this is not the same as a face-to-face public meeting; however, staff will take the time to listen to comments from the public and all stakeholders.

Proposed Amended Rule 1178 Background

Rule 1178 was adopted on December 21, 2001, with the purpose of further reducing emissions of volatile organic compounds (VOC) from storage seals and fittings on storage tanks at petroleum facilities with annual VOC emissions of more than 40,000 pounds (20 tons). Under the current rule, any exempted external floating roof tank storing material identified with a true vapor pressure equal to or greater than three pounds per square inch, atmosphere (psia) is required to install a domed roof on the tank within two years once the tank becomes subject to the rule. However, safety concerns related to the enclosure of external floating roof tanks storing sour water have been raised. Specifically, there is concern that enclosure may lead to an accumulation of ignitable material in tanks that store sour water.

Proposed Amended Rule Objectives

Staff proposes an option for operators to apply for and accept a permit condition to limit the true vapor pressure of the material contained in tanks storing sour water or recovered oil to less than three psia, in lieu of installing a domed roof. In addition, PAR 1178 clarifies the applicability of the rule once the material stored in a tank is determined to have a true vapor pressure greater than three psia.

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 be reviewing PAR 1178 to determine if any potential adverse environmental impacts will occur. Appropriate CEQA documentation will be prepared based on the analysis.

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

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Available Supporting Documents

The following supporting documents are available:

- Proposed Amended Rule 1178; and
- Preliminary Draft Staff Report for Proposed Amended Rule 1178.

To Obtain Copies of the Above Documents

These documents and others related to this rulemaking may be accessed from the South Coast AQMD website at: <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/rules-compliance/rules/scaqmd-rule-book/proposed-rules>. If you cannot access the documents through the South Coast AQMD website, please contact Mr. Michael Morris at mmorris@aqmd.gov or by calling (909) 396-3282 from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Tuesday through Friday.

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 in accordance with Government 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 Mr. Michael Morris at mmorris@aqmd.gov or by calling (909) 396-3282 from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Tuesday through Friday.

Submission of Documents or Comments

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

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Written comments on these proposed amended rule should be submitted by September 17, 2020.