

South Coast Air Quality Management District

Notice of Public Workshop and CEQA Scoping Meeting

PROPOSED AMENDED RULE 1178 – FURTHER REDUCTIONS OF VOLATILE ORGANIC COMPOUND (VOC) EMISSIONS FROM STORAGE TANKS AT PETROLEUM FACILITIES

Thursday, January 11, 2018

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

SCAQMD Headquarters,

21865 Copley Drive

Diamond Bar, CA 91765

Conference Room GB

Purpose of This Meeting

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) has scheduled a public workshop to present and solicit information and suggestions from the public on Proposed Amended Rule (PAR) 1178 – Further Reductions of VOC Emissions from Storage Tanks at Petroleum Facilities. PAR 1178 is scheduled to be adopted at a Public Hearing before the SCAQMD Governing Board on March 2, 2018.

Proposed Amended Rule 1178 Background and Objectives

Rule 1178, adopted December 21, 2001, reduces VOC emissions from storage tanks that have a capacity of 75,000 liters or greater, are used to store organic liquids with true vapor pressure greater than 5 mm Hg, and are located at petroleum facilities that emit more than 20 tons per year of VOCs. On May 5, 2017, the SCAQMD Governing Board adopted a resolution during the Public Hearing on Proposed Rule 219 – Equipment Not Requiring a Written Permit Pursuant to Regulation II. Among other things, that resolution directed staff to work with stakeholders to introduce proposed amendments to Rule 1178, incorporating VOC emission control technologies for guidepoles in floating roof tanks, as recognized by the U.S. EPA in the Storage Tank Emission Reduction Partnership Program (STERPP), and to explore various mechanisms to minimize permitting impacts when addressing those VOC control technologies. The objective of the proposed amendments is to incorporate VOC reducing provisions that allow for the use of a flexible enclosure when a pole float is removed from a slotted guidepole and to clarify rule language to aid rule implementation.

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 PAR 1178 and will determine if PAR 1178 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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Available Supporting Documents

The following supporting documents will be made available on or before the public workshop:

- Proposed Amended Rule 1178 – Further Reductions of VOC Emissions from Storage Tanks at Petroleum Facilities
- Preliminary Draft Staff Report for Proposed Amended Rule 1178

To Obtain Copies of the Above Documents

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

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The documents will also be 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 or other information relevant to the proposed amended rule listed above to:

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Written comments on this proposed amended rule should be submitted by January 22, 2018.