

South Coast Air Quality Management District

Notice of Public Workshop

PROPOSED AMENDED RULE 1403 – ASBESTOS EMISSIONS FROM DEMOLITION/RENOVATION ACTIVITIES

Wednesday, October 31, 2018

10:30 a.m. - 1:00 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) 1403 – Asbestos Emissions from Demolition/Renovation Activities. PAR 1403 is scheduled to be adopted at a Public Hearing before the SCAQMD Governing Board on January 4, 2019.

Proposed Amended Rule 1403 Background and Objectives

Rule 1403, adopted October 6, 1989, specifies work practice requirements to limit asbestos emissions from building and facility demolition and renovation activities, including the removal and associated disturbance of Asbestos-Containing Materials (ACM). The requirements for demolition and renovation activities include asbestos surveying, notification, ACM removal procedures and time schedules, ACM handling and clean-up procedures, and storage, disposal, and landfilling requirements for Asbestos-Containing Waste Materials (ACWM).

The objective of PAR 1403 will provide revisions to enhance the clarity of the rule and align the requirements with the applicable U.S. EPA National Emission Standard for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) and with other state and local agency regulations. The proposed changes will facilitate compliance for, facility owners, contractors, subcontractors, consultants and others who work with asbestos.

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, has reviewed the proposed amendments to Rule 1403 pursuant to: 1) CEQA Guidelines Section 15002(k) - General Concepts, the three-step process for deciding which document to prepare for a project subject to CEQA; and 2) CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 - Review for Exemption, procedures for determining if a project is exempt from CEQA.

SCAQMD staff has determined that it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the proposed project may have a significant adverse effect on the environment. Therefore, the project is considered to be exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) – Activities Covered by General Rule. Furthermore, the proposed amendments are considered categorically exempt because they are considered actions to protect or enhance the environment pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15308 – Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the

Environment. A Notice of Exemption will be prepared pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15062 - Notice of Exemption. If the proposed project is approved, the Notice of Exemption will be filed with the county clerks of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino counties.

Comments and suggestions regarding the CEQA determination 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 1403 – Asbestos Emissions from Demolition/Renovation Activities
- Preliminary Draft Staff Report for Proposed Amended Rule 1403

To Obtain Copies of the Above Documents

Copies of the proposed amended rule and the preliminary draft staff report will be made available on or before the public workshop and may be obtained from:

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

<http://www.aqmd.gov/home/rules-compliance/rules/scaqmd-rule-book/proposed-rules#1403>

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 November 15, 2018.