

# **SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP**

## **PROPOSED AMENDED RULE 1403 - ASBESTOS EMISSIONS FROM DEMOLITION/RENOVATION ACTIVITIES**

Wednesday, September 4, 2019  
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
South Coast AQMD Headquarters,  
21865 Copley Drive  
Diamond Bar, CA 91765  
Auditorium

### **Purpose of This Meeting**

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) 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 South Coast AQMD Governing Board on November 1, 2019.

### **Proposed Amended Rule 1403 Background and Objectives**

Rule 1403, originally adopted on October 6, 1989, specifies work practices 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 is to clarify existing rule language, and ensure that the rule aligns 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 South Coast AQMD Rule 110, the South Coast AQMD, 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.

South Coast AQMD 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) – Common Sense Exemption. 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. Further, South Coast AQMD staff has determined that there is no substantial evidence indicating that any of the exceptions to the categorical exemption applies to the proposed project pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section

15300.2 – Exceptions. Therefore, the proposed project is exempt from CEQA. 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:

Mr. Luke Eisenhardt  
Planning, Rule Development and Area Sources, CEQA  
South Coast Air Quality Management District  
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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  
Public Information Center  
South Coast Air Quality Management District  
21865 Copley Drive  
Diamond Bar, CA 91765  
Phone: (909) 396-2039  
Email: [PICrequests@aqmd.gov](mailto:PICrequests@aqmd.gov)

The documents will also be available for download from the South Coast AQMD 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:

Mr. Bradley McClung  
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South Coast Air Quality Management District,  
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Written comments on this proposed amended rule should be submitted by September 20, 2019.