

### South Coast Air Quality Management District's

# **Notice of Public Consultation Meeting**

#### PROPOSED RULE 415 – ODORS FROM RENDERING FACILITIES



Tuesday, June 30, 2015 6:00 p.m. Salesian High School 960 S. Soto St. Los Angeles, CA 90023

#### **Purpose of This Meeting**

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) has scheduled a public consultation meeting for the purpose of soliciting information, comments, and suggestions from the public and affected businesses regarding **Proposed Rule (PR)** 415 – Odors from Rendering Facilities. This notice serves to inform the public and potentially affected facilities of the proposed new requirements. PR 415 is scheduled for a Public Hearing before the SCAQMD Governing Board on September 4, 2015.

#### Air Quality Objective

The objective of the proposed rule is to reduce odors from facilities rendering animals and animal parts.

## **Background**

The rendering industry provides a needed service for the repurposing of animal and food waste. Rendering, by nature, is an odorous process, and odors from the rendering process can migrate into the community. PR 415 is intended to address these odors.

Public exposure to odors from new and existing rendering facilities would be reduced through implementation of the proposed rule, which includes requirements for best management practices (BMP) for odor control. In addition, the rule establishes core requirements for new and existing facilities intended to reduce odor issues. If a facility continues to have an

issue with odors after implementation of the proposed rule requirements, that facility would submit an Odor Mitigation Plan detailing how odor events will be prevented from occurring in the future.

SCAQMD staff has been soliciting input from a working group comprised of community members, environmental groups, and affected facilities, and has received comments regarding the current proposal. SCAQMD held a Public Workshop in March 2015. SCAQMD staff is now seeking additional input from stakeholders and communities on the proposed rule, including the technical and economic feasibility of the proposal, its potential economic and environmental impacts, and its effectiveness at reducing public exposure to odors in the future. All comments received will assist staff in refining the rule proposal.

# **Summary of Proposed Rule**

The following is a summary of PR 415:

- Applicable to new and existing animal rendering plants.
- Odor BMP requirements for the delivery and handling of raw rendering materials.
- Enclosure and odor control requirements for the receipt and processing of rendering material and wastewater.
- Odor Mitigation Plan (OMP) for facilities with continuing odor issues.

#### **Available Supporting Documents**

The following supporting documents will be available on or before the close of business on June 23, 2015:

- Draft Proposed Rule 415
- Revised Preliminary Draft Staff Report for PR 415

### **To Obtain Copies of the Above Documents**

Copies of the proposed rules and the preliminary draft staff reports may be obtained from:

Mr. Derrick Alatorre Public Information Center SCAQMD 21865 Copley Drive Diamond Bar, CA 91765 (909) 396-2039 PICrequests@aqmd.gov

#### **Submittal of Documents or Comments**

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

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Written comments on this proposed rule for the purposes of the public consultation meeting should be submitted by **July 14, 2015**.