# South Coast Air Quality Management District Notice of Public Workshop

# REGULATION XX – RECLAIM PROPOSED AMENDED RULES 2001 – APPLICABILITY AND 2002 – ALLOCATIONS FOR OXIDES OF NITROGEN (NOx) AND OXIDES OF SULFUR (SOx)

Thursday, August 9, 2018 10:00 a.m. South Coast Air Quality Management District 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 obtain comments from the public regarding two rules under Regulation XX - RECLAIM, **Proposed Amended Rules 2001** – **Applicability and 2002** – **Allocations for Oxides of Nitrogen (NOx) and Oxides of Sulfur (SOx).** Proposed Amended Rules (PARs) 2001 and 2002 are scheduled for a Public Hearing before the SCAQMD Governing Board on October 5, 2018.

## Rule Background

At the March 3, 2017 Governing Board Meeting, the Final 2016 Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP) was adopted. Control Measure CMB-05 of the Final 2016 AQMP committed to an assessment of the Regional Clean Air Incentives (RECLAIM) program in order to achieve further NOx emission reductions of five tons per day, including actions to sunset the program and ensure future equivalency to command-and-control regulations. The adopting Resolution directed staff to modify Control Measure CMB-05 to achieve the five tons per day NOx reduction as soon as feasible but no later than 2025, and to transition the RECLAIM program to a command-and-control regulatory structure requiring Best Available Retrofit Technology (BARCT) level controls as soon as practicable.

In addition, California State Assembly Bill 617 (AB 617), which was signed by the Governor on July 26, 2017 and affects RECLAIM facilities that are also in the California Greenhouse Gas Cap and Trade program, places priority on older, higher polluting units that will need to install BARCT. An expedited schedule for implementing BARCT is required to be developed by January 1, 2019, with full implementation no later than December 31, 2023.

Rule 2001 specifies criteria for inclusion in RECLAIM for new and existing facilities and also establishes a final date for any facility to enter RECLAIM. Rule 2002 establishes the methodology for calculating RECLAIM facility allocations and adjustments to RECLAIM Trading Credit (RTC) holdings for NOx and SOx. It also establishes notification procedures and RTC holdings for facilities that are under review to transition out of RECLAIM.

### Proposed Rule Amendments and Objectives

PAR 2001 would provide procedures for facilities to opt-out of RECLAIM before receiving an initial determination notification if they meet certain criteria. PAR 2002 would provide procedures for the option for facilities to remain in RECLAIM for a limited time upon receiving an initial determination notification for potential exit. Facilities electing to remain in RECLAIM would still be subject to the BARCT implementation

schedules in any adopted or amended command-and-control landing rules applicable to the facility and its equipment.

# 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 PARs 2001 and 2002 and will determine if PARs 2001 and 2002 will result in any potential adverse environmental impacts. Appropriate CEQA documentation for the proposed project 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 2001;
- Proposed Amended Rule 2002; and
- Preliminary Draft Staff Report for Proposed Amended Rules 2001 and 2002.

# To Obtain Copies of the Above Documents

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

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The documents are also 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 rules listed above to:

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Written comments on these proposed amended rules should be submitted by August 23, 2018.