

BOARD MEETING DATE: June 6, 2025

AGENDA NO. 2

PROPOSAL: Set Public Hearings August 1, 2025 to Consider Adoption of and/or Amendments to South Coast AQMD Rules and Regulations:

- A. Set Public Hearing August 1, 2025 to Determine That Proposed Amended Rule 462 – Organic Liquid Loading, Is Exempt from CEQA; Amend Rule 462; and Submit Rule 462 Into the State Implementation Plan

Proposed Amended Rule 462 will further reduce VOC emissions from organic liquid loading facilities by requiring the use of enhanced leak detection technology and establishing a lower VOC limit for vapor control systems. Additionally, PAR 462 will introduce a contingency measure to fulfill Clean Air Act requirements. This action is to adopt the Resolution: 1) Determining that Proposed Amended Rule 462 – Organic Liquid Loading, is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act; and 2) Amending Rule 462 – Organic Liquid Loading; and 3) Directing staff to submit Proposed Amended Rule 462 – Organic Liquid Loading for inclusion into the State Implementation Plan. (Reviewed: Stationary Source Committee, May 16, 2025)

- B. Determine That South Coast Air Basin Contingency Measure SIP Revision for 2015 8-Hour Ozone Standard Is Exempt from CEQA; and Adopt South Coast Air Basin Contingency Measure SIP Revision for 2015 8-Hour Ozone Standard

The South Coast Air Basin is classified as “extreme” nonattainment of the 2015 8-hour ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard. The 2022 AQMP outlined a strategy to meet the standard and aimed to satisfy all federal Clean Air Act (CAA) requirements applicable to extreme nonattainment areas, except for the contingency measure requirement, due to the lack of U.S. EPA guidance. In December 2024, U.S. EPA finalized its

contingency measure guidance. The South Coast Air Basin Contingency Measure SIP Revision for the 2015 8-Hour Ozone Standard was developed in response to U.S. EPA's new guidance to fulfill the requirements specified in CAA sections 172(c)(9) and 182(c)(9). The contingency measures for this standard include three South Coast AQMD rules to achieve additional VOC reductions and CARB's California Smog Check Contingency Measure. This action is adopt the Resolution: 1) Determining that the South Coast Air Basin Contingency Measure SIP Revision for the 2015 8-Hour Ozone Standard is exempt from the requirements of CEQA; and 2) Adopting the South Coast Air Basin Contingency Measure SIP Revision for the 2015 8-Hour Ozone Standard and directing staff to forward the SIP Revision to CARB for approval and submission to U.S. EPA for inclusion in the SIP. (Reviewed: Mobile Source Committee, April 18, 2025)

The complete text of the proposed amended rule, SIP revision for the 2015 8-hour Ozone Standard, and other supporting documents will be made available from the South Coast AQMD's Public Information Center at (909) 396-2001, or Ms. Lisa Tanaka – Deputy Executive Officer/Public Advisor, South Coast AQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765, (909) 396-3327, [ltanaka@aqmd.gov](mailto:ltanaka@aqmd.gov) and on the Internet ([www.aqmd.gov](http://www.aqmd.gov)) as of July 1, 2025.

#### RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

Set Public Hearings August 1, 2025 to: 1) Determine that Proposed Amended Rule 462 is Exempt from CEQA and Amend Rule 462; and 2) Determine that the South Coast Air Basin Contingency Measure SIP Revision for the 2015 8-Hour Ozone Standard is exempt from CEQA; and Adopt the South Coast Air Basin Contingency Measure SIP Revision for the 2015 8-Hour Ozone Standard

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