



South Coast Air Quality Management **PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING**

SOUTH COAST AIR BASIN CONTINGENCY MEASURE SIP REVISION FOR THE 2015 8-HOUR OZONE STANDARD

**TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2025
6:00 P.M.**

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) announces the release of the Draft South Coast Air Basin Contingency Measure State Implementation Plan (SIP) Revision for the 2015 8-Hour Ozone Standard (Draft South Coast Ozone Contingency SIP Revision) and invites you to participate in a Public Consultation Meeting on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the Public Consultation Meeting is to solicit information, comments, and suggestions from the public, affected businesses, and stakeholders on the Draft South Coast Ozone Contingency SIP Revision. Meeting materials will be posted 72 hours in advance of the meeting at: [https://www.aqmd.gov/home/air-quality/air-quality-management-plans/other-state-implementation-plan-\(sip\)-revisions/south-coast-contingency-sip-revision-for-2015-8-hour-ozone-standard](https://www.aqmd.gov/home/air-quality/air-quality-management-plans/other-state-implementation-plan-(sip)-revisions/south-coast-contingency-sip-revision-for-2015-8-hour-ozone-standard).

Meeting Information

The Public Consultation Meeting will only be conducted via videoconferencing and telephone, with opportunity for public comment. Please follow the instructions below to join the meeting.

JOIN ZOOM MEETING - FROM PC, LAPTOP OR PHONE

<https://scaqmd.zoom.us/j/91090511540>

Zoom Webinar ID: 910 9051 1540

To participate by phone, or for audio by phone, dial: +1-669-900-6833

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LIVE SPANISH TRANSLATION WILL BE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST. REQUESTS FOR TRANSLATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAY 6TH.

ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION INFORMATION

Instructions provided at bottom of this announcement

PUBLIC COMMENT WILL STILL BE TAKEN

Audience will be allowed to provide public comment through Zoom connection or telephone.

Comments may be limited to three minutes per person.

Background

The South Coast Air Basin (Basin) is an “extreme” nonattainment area for the 2015 8-hour ozone standard. The 2022 Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP) addressed the strategy to meet the 2015 8-hour ozone standard by 2037 and satisfied most Clean Air Act (CAA) requirements applicable to “extreme” nonattainment areas. However, it did not formally address contingency measure requirements due to the absence of U.S. EPA guidance at the time of adoption. On December 3, 2024, U.S. EPA finalized a revised contingency measure guidance. In response, the Draft South Coast Ozone Contingency SIP Revision was developed to align with this guidance and includes all necessary elements to comply with CAA Sections 172(c)(9) and 182(c)(9).

The Draft South Coast Ozone Contingency SIP Revision includes ozone contingency measures in three South Coast AQMD rules: Rule 445 – Wood-Burning Devices, Rule 463 – Organic Liquid Storage, and Rule 1173 – Control of Volatile Organic Compound Leaks and Releases from Components at Petroleum Facilities and Chemical Plants. The California Smog Check Contingency Measure, adopted by CARB in October 2023, is also included. Consistent with U.S. EPA’s guidance, the contingency measures achieve additional reductions beyond those needed for attainment and also include a triggering mechanism to implement the measures automatically upon a qualifying event such as failure to attain or achieve a reasonable further progress milestone. However, these contingency measures do not achieve U.S. EPA’s recommended amount of emission reductions, and therefore, the Draft South Coast Ozone Contingency SIP Revision includes a robust infeasibility justification, demonstrating no other feasible measures exist to serve as contingency measures for the 2015 8-hour ozone standard in the Basin.

Document Availability

The Draft South Coast Ozone Contingency SIP Revision is available online at: [https://www.aqmd.gov/home/air-quality/air-quality-management-plans/other-state-implementation-plan-\(sip\)-revisions/south-coast-contingency-sip-revision-for-2015-8-hour-ozone-standard](https://www.aqmd.gov/home/air-quality/air-quality-management-plans/other-state-implementation-plan-(sip)-revisions/south-coast-contingency-sip-revision-for-2015-8-hour-ozone-standard). All chapters and appendices are available for public review and comment.

Public Comments

Written comments on the Draft South Coast Ozone Contingency SIP Revision should be submitted by May 30, 2025, via email at: AQMPteam@aqmd.gov.

Public Hearing

The Governing Board meeting to consider adoption of the Draft South Coast Ozone Contingency SIP Revision is scheduled for Friday, August 1, 2025 (subject to change) at 9:00 a.m. in the Dr. William A. Burke Auditorium at South Coast AQMD Headquarters, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765. The meeting will be conducted through a hybrid format of in-person and/or virtual attendance via videoconferencing and by telephone with opportunities for public comment. Please refer to the South Coast AQMD’s website for information regarding the format of the Public Hearing, updates if the meeting is changed to a full remote via webcast format, and details on how to participate: <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/news-events/meeting-agendas-minutes>.

For more information, please contact:

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Americans with Disabilities Act and Language Accessibility

Disability and language-related accommodations can be requested to allow participation in the public consultation meeting. The meeting materials will be made available, upon request, in appropriate alternative formats to assist persons with a disability (Gov. Code Section 54954.2(a)). In addition, other documents may be requested in alternative formats and languages. Any disability or language-related accommodation must be requested as soon as practicable. Requests will be accommodated unless providing the accommodation would result in a fundamental alteration or undue burden to the South Coast AQMD. Requests can be sent to the Public Advisor, South Coast AQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765-4178, at (909) 396-2432 (for TTY, 909-396-3560) or send the request to PublicAdvisor@aqmd.gov or PICrequests@aqmd.gov.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION

Instructions for Participating in a Virtual Meeting as an Attendee

As an attendee, you will have the opportunity to virtually raise your hand and provide public comment. Before joining the call, please silence your other communication devices such as your cell or desk phone. This will prevent any feedback or interruptions during the meeting.

Please note:

- During the meeting, all participants will be placed on Mute by the host. You will not be able to mute or unmute your lines manually.
- Speakers may be limited to a total of 3 minutes.
- A countdown timer will be displayed on the screen for each public comment. If interpretation is needed, more time will be allotted.

Directions to provide public comment on ZOOM from a DESKTOP/LAPTOP or SMARTPHONE:

- Click on the “Raise Hand” feature at the bottom of the screen. This will signal to the host that you would like to provide a public comment and you will be added to the list.

Directions to provide public comment via TELEPHONE:

- Dial *9 on your keypad to signal that you would like to comment.