



# South Coast Air Quality Management District

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Hon. Steven S. Cliff, Ph.D.  
Executive Officer  
California Air Resources Board  
1001 "I" Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Submittal of South Coast Air Basin Contingency Measure SIP Revision for the 2015 8-Hour Ozone NAAQS

Dear Dr. Cliff,

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) is submitting the South Coast Air Basin Contingency Measure State Implementation Plan (SIP) Revision for the 2015 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) (South Coast Ozone Contingency SIP Revision) to the California Air Resources Board (CARB) for its approval and submission to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) for inclusion in the SIP. Adopted on August 1, 2025, the South Coast Ozone Contingency SIP Revision was developed to fulfill contingency measure requirements in Sections 172(c)(9) and 182(c)(9) of the Clean Air Act (CAA).<sup>1</sup> It is also designed to comply with U.S. EPA's Guidance on the Preparation of SIP Provisions that Address the Nonattainment Area Contingency Measure Requirements for Ozone and Particulate Matter (guidance), published on December 3, 2024.<sup>2</sup>

The South Coast Air Basin (Basin) is in "extreme" nonattainment for the 2015 8-hour ozone NAAQS, with an attainment date of August 3, 2038. The 2022 Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP), submitted to U.S. EPA on February 23, 2023, addressed the strategy to meet the standard and CAA requirements applicable to "extreme" nonattainment areas. However, the 2022 AQMP did not formally address contingency measure requirements due to the lack of U.S. EPA's guidance during the development of the 2022 AQMP.

The South Coast Ozone Contingency SIP Revision, developed in response to U.S. EPA's guidance, includes 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

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<sup>1</sup> [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)

<sup>2</sup> U.S. EPA, Guidance on the Preparation of SIP Provisions that address the Nonattainment Area Contingency Measure Requirements for Ozone and Particulate Matter, December 3, 2024  
[https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2024-12/cmtf-final-guidance-signature-version-11-22-24\\_clean\\_0.pdf](https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2024-12/cmtf-final-guidance-signature-version-11-22-24_clean_0.pdf)

Components at Petroleum Facilities and Chemical Plants. It also includes CARB's California Smog Check Contingency Measure. Although these contingency measures will further reduce NOx and VOC emissions, they do not achieve one year's worth of reductions, the amount of reductions recommended by U.S. EPA's guidance. Therefore, the South Coast Ozone Contingency SIP Revision includes a robust infeasibility justification, demonstrating that no other feasible contingency measures are available.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (909) 396-3131 or Dr. Sarah Rees, Deputy Executive Officer of Planning, Rule Development, and Implementation at (909) 396-2856.

Sincerely,



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Executive Officer

**Attachments:**

- A. Board Letter
- B. Resolution
- C. Final Staff Report for South Coast Air Basin Contingency Measure SIP Revision for 2015 8-Hour Ozone NAAQS
- D. Notice of Exemption from CEQA
- E. Notice of Public Hearing Proof of Publication
- F. Minutes from the August 1, 2025 Public Hearing

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