



# South Coast Air Quality Management District

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## **SPECIAL NOTICE FOR FIRE TRAINING PERFORMED BY FIRE PROTECTION AGENCIES**

The following information is intended to highlight specific aspects of the rule and serve as a guide for the allowance of Fire Training by the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) for Fire Protection Agencies. For details on specific requirements and limitations please refer to Rule 444 - Open Burning ([www.aqmd.gov/rules/reg/reg04/r444.pdf](http://www.aqmd.gov/rules/reg/reg04/r444.pdf)).

### **WHAT MUST I DO PRIOR TO PERFORMING FIRE TRAINING**

#### **Rule 444 requirements for Open Burning of Structures for Fire Training:**

- Fire prevention/suppression training involving the burning of existing structures must receive prior authorization from AQMD for each day for each open burning event.
- Complete burning of existing structures for fire prevention/ suppression training exercises is prohibited.
- Each Fire Training exercise is limited to no more than 30 minutes duration.
- Obtain a Burn Authorization Number by calling **(909) 396-3403 prior to 4:00 p.m. the day before the burn.**
- Although not required under the Rule 444, the AQMD respectfully requests that Training Burns are only conducted on Burn Days if at all possible.

#### **Rule 1403 Requirements to prevent Asbestos Emissions from Demolition/Renovation Activities:**

- To receive authorization for demolition/renovation activities, the fire department must submit proof to the AQMD that it has ensured that all Rule 1403 requirements have been met by submitting:
  - A copy of the structure Asbestos Survey;
  - Proof of asbestos removal;
  - Proof of Demolition Notification to AQMD;
  - Proof of Building and Safety demolition permit; and
  - Coordinating with the demolition contractor/owner to remove the structure right after the training burn.
- Structures shall not remain on site as an attractive nuisance, unsafe or an eyesore.
- Check [www.aqmd.gov](http://www.aqmd.gov) website for requirements of Rules 444 Open Burning and Rule 1403 Asbestos Emissions from Demolition/Renovation Activities.
- For additional Rule 1403 information call **909-396-2327**.

### **WHEN CAN I CALL THE AQMD (909-396-3403) TO OBTAIN AUTHORIZATION FOR FIRE TRAINING?**

<b>Monday:</b>	<b>8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Tuesday - Friday:</b>	<b>8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.</b>

**Our standby person will return your phone call as soon as possible.**