



# SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT PRESS RELEASE

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## **South Coast AQMD Expediting Permits to Aid COVID-19 Efforts**

**DIAMOND BAR** – The South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) understands many businesses and organizations are changing operations or repurposing efforts to aid in supply issues in response to COVID-19. In order to provide full support for public health and safety efforts, South Coast AQMD will prioritize and expedite the [permitting process](#) for those businesses. Normal permit fees will apply, however South Coast AQMD will not require expediting fees for companies assisting with the COVID-19 response.

Processing and issuance of permits are considered essential functions during the COVID-19 response as part of the agency's efforts to improve air quality and protect public health and safety. Those looking for assistance in filing applications for their new or modified equipment in response to COVID-19 can email [PermitServicesOnline@aqmd.gov](mailto:PermitServicesOnline@aqmd.gov) for additional instructions. Please include "COVID-19 Permit" in the subject line and include the following information:

- Equipment and process descriptions, including a specific description how the project is critical to the COVID-19 response;
- Facility name, Facility ID (if available), and facility address
- Contact name and phone number;
- Flow diagram and process rates;
- Operating schedules; and
- Air pollution control equipment and stack/exhaust emissions data

For those projects deemed to be critical to the COVID -19 response, South Coast AQMD will facilitate the preparation of [permit application forms](#), and once submitted, will process them on an expedited basis. South Coast AQMD is sensitive to the challenges currently facing residents and businesses within our jurisdiction and are available to provide support during this difficult time.

Further information can also be found on the South Coast AQMD website at [www.aqmd.gov/home/permits](http://www.aqmd.gov/home/permits) or by calling 909-396-3385.

South Coast AQMD is the air pollution control agency for Orange County and major portions of Los Angeles, San Bernardino and Riverside counties, including the Coachella Valley. For news, air quality alerts, event updates and more, please visit us at [www.aqmd.gov](http://www.aqmd.gov), download our award-winning app, or follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

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