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## **South Coast AQMD Governing Board Adopts Warehouse Indirect Source Rule**

**DIAMOND BAR** – Today, the South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) Governing Board adopted Rule 2305 otherwise known as the Warehouse Indirect Source Rule (ISR). The rule requires warehouses greater than 100,000 square feet to directly reduce nitrogen oxide (NOx) and diesel particulate matter (PM) emissions, or to otherwise facilitate emission and exposure reductions of these pollutants in nearby communities.

“About half of the air pollutants that contribute to smog come from the goods movement industry, with the largest source being heavy-duty trucks heading to warehouses across Southern California,” said Wayne Nastri, South Coast AQMD’s executive officer. “After many years of development, today’s adoption of the warehouse rule is a major step towards reducing air pollution and protecting the millions of people directly impacted by this type of pollution.”

Warehouses are a key destination for heavy-duty trucks and have other sources of emissions like cargo handling equipment all of which contribute to local pollution, including toxic emissions, to the communities that live near them. Emissions from sources associated with warehouses account for almost as many NOx emissions as all the refineries, power plants and other stationary sources in the South Coast Air Basin combined. Reductions in NOx are essential to meeting upcoming federal clean air standards. Those living within a half mile of warehouses are more likely to include communities of color, have health impacts such as higher rates of asthma and heart attacks, and a greater environmental burden.

The warehouse rule is a menu-based points system requiring warehouse operators to annually earn a specified number of points. These points can be earned by completing actions from a menu that can include acquiring and using natural gas, Near-Zero Emissions and/or Zero-Emissions on-road trucks, zero-emission cargo handling equipment, solar panels or zero-emission charging and fueling infrastructure, or other options.

Alternatively, warehouse operators can choose to pay a mitigation fee. Funds from the mitigation fee will be used to incentivize the purchase of cleaner trucks and charging/fueling infrastructure in communities nearby.

The warehouse rule is expected to reduce smog-forming emissions by 10-15 percent from warehouse-related sources. The rule was carefully developed over the course of four years through extensive research and discussions with environmental justice groups, regulated industry and government agencies. Warehouses will phase-in to the program over the course of three years, beginning with the largest warehouses.

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