

Comment Letter #31

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To Whom It May Concern:

In reading about Draft 2022 AQMP, I do not know how it can even be considered a solution to our problem.

It requires reducing nitrogen oxides by 71% more than all our current rules and regulations will achieve. AQMD is only allowed to regulate "accounts for less than 20% of NOx emission" Everything else is under federal or state control. AQMD can, therefore, only regulate "stationary sources" of emissions, such as power plants, refineries, and factories -- which they have already done. This leaves "residential combustion" as the source needed for reductions to meet this plan.--even though they are only a small percentage of the problem and remedies such as getting rid of gas water heaters, furnaces and stoves in residents. This is very costly to residents.

It seems other areas which contribute to the pollutant levels should be evaluated and researched -- wildfires, "weather conditions, "topography," "frequent strong temperature inversions" and "abundant sunshine" create a "perfect storm" of conditions for forming air pollution and high ozone.

Given all these factors, perhaps it would make sense to review the ozone standard itself and see if it is appropriate or delusion. Could our financial resources be directed toward something more beneficial?

Please give this consideration.

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