

# NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

## PROPOSED ADOPTION OF, OR AMENDMENT TO, THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

### **RE: Proposed Amended Rule 1118 – Control of Emissions from Refinery Flares**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a public hearing on the matter of adoption of rules and regulations for the South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD), or the amendments thereto, will be held on **Friday, January 9, 2026** in the Dr. William A. Burke Auditorium at South Coast AQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765, at **9:00 a.m.**, at which time evidence will be taken and all interested persons will be heard by the South Coast AQMD Board. The meeting will be conducted through a hybrid format of in-person and/or virtual attendance via videoconferencing and by telephone with opportunities for public comment. Please refer to the instructions on South Coast AQMD's website for details on how to participate: <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/news-events/meeting-agendas-minutes>.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the South Coast AQMD is considering the adoption of Proposed Amended Rule 1118 – Control of Emissions from Refinery Flares (PAR 1118). The objective of PAR 1118 is to correct an omission from subdivision (I), Flare Event Notification Requirements, by updating paragraph (I)(7) to allow facilities to submit notifications via 1-800-CUT-SMOG when the Flare Event Notification System (FENS) is unavailable and to replace the standard compliance date placeholder language with the actual compliance date.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that PAR 1118 will not be submitted to the California Air Resources Board and the United States Environmental Protection Agency for inclusion into the State Implementation Plan.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that PAR 1118 implements Sections 110, 172, and 182(e) of the Clean Air Act.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that PAR 1118 does not impose a new emission limit or standard, make an existing emission limit or standard more stringent, or impose new or more stringent monitoring, reporting, or recordkeeping requirements and therefore, a comparative analysis pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 40727.2 is not required.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Sections 15002(k) and 15061, since implementing PAR 1118 makes administrative clarifications which will not require physical modifications, it can be seen with certainty that the proposed project would not cause a significant adverse impact on the environment. Thus, PAR 1118 is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15061(b)(3). A Notice of Exemption will be prepared pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15062, and if the proposed project is approved, the Notice of Exemption will be filed for posting with the county clerks of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino counties, and the State Clearinghouse of the Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that PAR 1118 does not significantly affect air quality or emission limitations, and that there are no significant adverse socioeconomic impacts, so that no socioeconomic impact assessment has been prepared.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the South Coast AQMD staff will prepare and make available the following documents on or before December 9, 2025 for consideration by the South Coast AQMD Governing Board, including:

- Draft Proposed Amended Rule 1118
- Draft Staff Report for PAR 1118

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the above documents, upon release, may be obtained from the South Coast AQMD website at <https://www.aqmd.gov/home/rules-compliance/rules/scaqmd-rule-book/proposed-rules/rule-1118>, or by calling the South Coast AQMD's Public Information Center at (909) 396-2001, or from: Lisa Tanaka – Deputy Executive Officer/Public Advisor, South Coast AQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765, (909) 396-2432, [PublicAdvisor@aqmd.gov](mailto:PublicAdvisor@aqmd.gov).

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that at the conclusion of the public hearing, consistent with Health and Safety Code Section 40726, the South Coast AQMD Board may make other modifications to PAR 1118, which are justified by the evidence presented, or may decline to adopt some or all of the proposed amendments.

Please direct questions, comments, or requests for clarification regarding: PAR 1118 to Sergio Torres Callejas, [scallejas@aqmd.gov](mailto:scallejas@aqmd.gov), (909) 396-2231; CEQA to Farzaneh Khalaj, [fkhalaj@aqmd.gov](mailto:fkhalaj@aqmd.gov), (909) 396-3022; and Socioeconomic Impact Assessment inquiries to Valerie Rivera, [vrivera@aqmd.gov](mailto:vrivera@aqmd.gov), (909) 396-3007. Comments and inquiries can also be submitted to the attention of the above person(s) to Planning, Rule Development, and Implementation, South Coast AQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765.

Interested persons may provide oral or written statements at the Public Hearing. Twenty-Five (25) copies of all hard copy written materials must be submitted to the Clerk of the Boards. Individuals who wish to submit written or electronic comments must submit such comments to the Clerk of the Boards, South Coast AQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA, 91765-4178, (909) 396-2500, or to [cob@aqmd.gov](mailto:cob@aqmd.gov), on or before 5:00 PM on Tuesday, January 6, 2026.

Please note that under California Public Records Act (Gov't Code § 7920.000 et seq.) your written and oral comments, attachments, and associated contact information (e.g., your address, phone, email, etc.) become part of the public record and can be released to the public on request or posted on the South Coast AQMD website.

#### **Americans with Disabilities Act and Language Accessibility**

Disability and language-related accommodations can be requested to allow participation in the Governing Board meeting. The agenda will be made available, upon request, in appropriate alternative formats to assist persons with a disability (Gov. Code Section 54954.2(a)). In addition, other documents may be requested in alternative formats and languages. Any disability or language-related accommodation must be requested as soon as practicable. Requests will be accommodated unless providing the accommodation would result in a fundamental alteration or undue burden to the South Coast AQMD. Please contact the Clerk of the Boards Office, South Coast AQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA, 91765-4178, at (909) 396-2500 (for TTY, 909-396-3560) from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, or send the request to [cob@aqmd.gov](mailto:cob@aqmd.gov).

DATED: November 21, 2025

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Clerk of the Boards