

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 1469 – Hexavalent Chromium Emissions from Chromium Electroplating and Chromic Acid Anodizing Operations

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, November 7, 2025**, 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 Governing 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 1469 – Hexavalent Chromium Emissions from Chromium Electroplating and Chromic Acid Anodizing Operations (PAR 1469) to incorporate the more stringent requirements of the state Airborne Toxic Control Measure for Chromium Plating and Chromic Acid Anodizing Facilities (ATCM), which include a prohibition of new hexavalent chromium facilities, a phaseout of hexavalent chromium, lower emission limits, and increased source testing frequency for functional chrome operations. PAR 1469 also proposes requirements to assist in rule implementation and to further prevent the release of fugitive emissions.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that PAR 1469 will not be submitted for inclusion into the State Implementation Plan.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that PAR 1469 incorporates the more stringent requirements of the state ATCM and that implementation of PAR 1469 will ensure compliance with Health and Safety Code Section 39666(d), which requires the South Coast AQMD to adopt and enforce equally effective or more stringent regulations than the state ATCM.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Sections 15002(k) and 15061, since PAR 1469 implements the state ATCM, whose environmental impacts were analyzed in the Final Environmental Analysis for the Proposed Amendments to the ATCM for Chromium Electroplating and Chromic Acid Anodizing Operations, which was certified by the California Air Resources Board on May 25, 2023, and that the requirements incorporated into PAR 1469 which are separate from the state ATCM do 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 1469 is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 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 the South Coast AQMD staff will prepare and make available the following documents on or before October 7, 2025, for consideration by the South Coast AQMD Governing Board, including:

- Draft PAR 1469
- Draft Staff Report for PAR 1469
- Comparative Analysis for PAR 1469, included in the Draft Staff Report
- Draft Socioeconomic Impact Assessment, included in the Draft Staff Report

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-1469>, 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.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that at the conclusion of the public hearing, consistent with Health and Safety Code Section 40726, the South Coast AQMD Governing Board may make other modifications to PAR 1469, which are justified by the evidence presented, or may decline to adopt some or all of the proposed amended rule.

Please direct questions, comments, or requests for clarification regarding: PAR 1469 to Min Sue, msue@aqmd.gov, (909) 396-3241; CEQA to Kevin Ni, kni@aqmd.gov, (909) 396-2462; and Socioeconomic Impact Assessment to Tony Tian, ttian@aqmd.gov, (909) 396-2323. Comments 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, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA, 91765-4178, (909) 396-2500, or to cob@aqmd.gov on or before 5:00 pm on Tuesday, November 4, 2025.

Please note that under the California Public Records Act (Gov. Code Sections 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.

DATED: September 26, 2025

FAYE THOMAS
Clerk of the Boards