

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED ADOPTION OF, OR AMENDMENT TO, THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT AND PROPOSED SUBMISSION INTO THE STATE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

RE: Proposed Amended Rule 462 – Organic Liquid Loading

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, **August 1, 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 462 – Organic Liquid Loading (PAR 462). The objective of PAR 462 is to further reduce VOC emissions from organic liquid loading by: 1) requiring monthly optical gas imaging (OGI) inspections; 2) requiring periodic source tests on all Class A facilities' vapor control systems; and 3) reducing VOC limits for vapor control systems. Additional minor changes to rule language will be made for consistency and clarity. Additionally, PAR 462 will introduce a contingency measure to partially satisfy federal Clean Air Act contingency requirements for applicable ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards in the South Coast AQMD's jurisdiction.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that PAR 462 will 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 462 implements Sections 110, 172, and 182(e) of the federal Clean Air Act.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a written analysis pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 40727.2 has been prepared that identifies all existing state and federal air pollution control requirements, all existing and proposed South Coast AQMD rules and regulations, and all air pollution control requirements that apply to the same equipment or source type as PAR 462.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Sections 15002(k) and 15061, since the anticipated physical changes that may occur as a result of implementing PAR 462 are expected to be minimal, the proposed project 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 the South Coast AQMD staff will prepare and make available the following documents on or before July 2, 2025, for consideration by the South Coast AQMD Governing Board, including:

- Draft PAR 462
- Draft Staff Report for PAR 462
- Comparative Analysis for PAR 462, included in the Draft Staff Report

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the above documents may be obtained from the South Coast AQMD website at <https://www.aqmd.gov/home/rules-compliance/rules/scaqmd-rule-book/proposed-rules/rule-462>, or by calling the 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 462, which are justified by the evidence presented, or may decline to adopt some or all of PAR 462.

Questions, comments, or requests for clarification regarding PAR 462 can be directed to: Jose Enriquez at jenriquez1@aqmd.gov, (909) 396-2640. CEQA inquiries can be directed to: Zoya Banan, zbanan@aqmd.gov, (909) 396-2332. Socioeconomic Impact Assessment inquiries can be directed to: Valerie Rivera, 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. Ten (10) 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: 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 p.m. on Tuesday, July 29, 2025.

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. Requests can be sent to the Clerk of the Boards, South Coast AQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA, 91765-4178, at (909) 396-2500 (for TTY, 909-396-3560) or send the request to cob@aqmd.gov.

DATED: June 18, 2025

FAYE THOMAS
Clerk of the Boards