

South Coast Air Quality Management District
Notice of Public Workshop

**PROPOSED AMENDED RULE 461.1 –
GASOLINE TRANSFER AND DISPENSING FOR MOBILE FUELING OPERATIONS**

Wednesday, November 29, 2023
9:00 a.m.

Join Zoom Meeting - from PC or Laptop:
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The Public Workshop will be conducted via video conferencing (Zoom) which can be accessed via personal computer or smart phone. Alternatively, stakeholders can phone-in to participate. We understand that this is not the same as an in-person public meeting; however, staff will take the time to listen to comments from all stakeholders. You are invited to attend the meeting electronically through Zoom. Instructions on how to participate can be found at the top of this notice.

Purpose of This Meeting

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) has scheduled a Public Workshop to present and solicit information and suggestions from the public on Proposed Amended Rule 461.1 – Gasoline Transfer and Dispensing for Mobile Fueling Operations (PAR 461.1) which is scheduled for a Public Hearing before the South Coast AQMD Governing Board on February 2, 2024 (subject to change).

Background

Rule 461 – Gasoline Transfer and Dispensing was adopted in January 1976 and regulates stationary and mobile gasoline dispensing facilities that dispense into motor vehicles. Provisions for mobile fueler transfer and dispensing of gasoline were included in Rule 461 since 1995 and relied on the same approach as stationary gasoline dispensing which requires use of Phase I and Phase II vapor recovery systems that are tested and certified by CARB. However, the mobile fueler requirements in Rule 461 did not adequately address the variation of retail mobile fuelers that has emerged in recent years for on-demand retail dispensing of gasoline. Rule 461.1 was adopted on January 7, 2022, to separately regulate mobile fueling operations from Rule 461 but with similar requirements incorporated from Rule 461 in order to address both retail and non-retail mobile fueling operations. Rule 461.1 establishes requirements to reduce volatile organic compounds (VOC) and toxic air contaminants (TAC) emissions from mobile fueling operations that dispense gasoline.

Objective of Proposed Amended Rule

The objective of PAR 461.1 is to clarify that aviation gasoline, which is used to fuel smaller aircraft, is exempt from the rule, aligning Rule 461.1 with Rule 461, which is applicable to gasoline dispensed into motor vehicles. The applicability of Rule 461.1 was expanded to include gasoline dispensed into equipment or containers; however, the intent was not to include aviation gasoline dispensed into aircraft.

California Environmental Quality Act

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and South Coast AQMD's certified regulatory program (Public Resources Code Section 21080.5, CEQA Guidelines Section 15251(l) and South Coast AQMD Rule 110), the South Coast AQMD, as lead agency, is currently reviewing the proposed project (PAR 461.1) to determine if it will result in any potential adverse environmental impacts. Appropriate CEQA documentation will be prepared based on the analysis.

Available Supporting Documents

The following supporting documents will be available no later than November 17, 2023:

- Preliminary Draft Proposed Amended Rule 461.1 – Gasoline Transfer and Dispensing for Mobile Fueling Operations
- Preliminary Draft Staff Report for Proposed Amended Rule 461.1

To Obtain Copies of the Above Documents

Copies of the preliminary draft proposed amended rule and preliminary draft staff report may be obtained from:

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The documents will for download from the South Coast AQMD website at:

<http://www.aqmd.gov/home/rules-compliance/rules/scaqmd-rule-book/proposed-rules/rule-461-1h>

Americans with Disabilities Act and Language Accessibility

Disability and language-related accommodations can be requested to allow participation in the Public Workshop. The agenda will be made available, upon request, in appropriate alternative formats to assist persons with a disability (Government 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 Marissa Poon at (909) 396-2119 from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, or send the request to mpoon@aqmd.gov.

Submission of Documents or Comments

Please submit any relevant comments, documents, studies, reports, or other relevant information to the contact information listed below.

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Written comments on PAR 461.1 should be submitted by **December 13, 2023**.