

South Coast Air Quality Management District
Notice of Public Workshop

Proposed Amended Rule 219 – Equipment Not Requiring a Written Permit Pursuant to Regulation II, and Proposed Amended Rule 222 – Filing Requirements for Specific Emission Sources Not Requiring a Written Permit Pursuant to Regulation II

January 4, 2023
8:00 a.m.

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The Public Workshop will be conducted via video conferencing (Zoom) which can be accessed via your 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 or the phone. 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 219 – Equipment Not Requiring a Written Permit Pursuant to Regulation II (PAR 219) and Proposed Amended Rule 222 – Filing Requirements for Specific Emission Sources Not Requiring a Written Permit Pursuant to Regulation II (PAR 222) which are scheduled for a Public Hearing before the South Coast AQMD Governing Board on March 3, 2023 (subject to change).

Background

Rule 219 is an administrative rule that identifies equipment, processes, and operations that emit small amounts of air contaminants that do not require permits. Rule 222 provides an alternative to South Coast AQMD permits by allowing specific emission sources that meet predetermined criteria to be registered in the Rule 222 filing program. In 2021, U.S. EPA reviewed Rule 219 and found several potential deficiencies that would prevent the rule from being approved into the State Implementation Plan. U.S. EPA has also proposed a series of recommendations to improve enforceability and clarity.

Proposed Amended Rules and Objectives

PAR 219 will be updated to address comments raised by U.S. EPA and include other revisions such as those to the exceptions and recordkeeping provisions. PAR 219 may also include new exemption provisions, removal or clarification of existing exemptions, and reformatting of the rule to be consistent with other South Coast AQMD regulations. PAR 222 will include administrative changes to align with changes in PAR 219 and minor amendments to improve rule clarity. PAR 222 may also include the addition or removal of filing program requirements.

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(I) and South Coast AQMD

Rule 110), the South Coast AQMD, as lead agency, is currently reviewing the proposed project (PAR 219 and PAR 222) 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 December 16, 2022:

- Preliminary Drafts of PAR 219 and PAR 222; and
- Preliminary Draft Staff Report for PAR 219 and PAR 222

To Obtain Copies of the Above Documents

Copies of the preliminary draft proposed amended rules and the preliminary draft staff report will be available no later than December 16, 2022, and may be obtained from:

Derrick Alatorre/Public Advisor
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21865 Copley Drive
Diamond Bar, CA 91765
Phone: (909) 396-2432
Email: PublicAdvisor@aqmd.gov

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

<http://www.aqmd.gov/home/rules-compliance/rules/scaqmd-rule-book/proposed-rules/rule-219-and-222>

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 (Gov't 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 Kalam Cheung at (909) 396-3281 from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, or send the request to kcheung@aqmd.gov.

Submission of Documents or Comments

Please submit comments, documents, studies, reports, or other relevant information to the contacts listed below:

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Written comments on the proposed amended rules should be submitted by **January 18, 2023**.