South Coast Air Quality Management District Notice of Public Workshop

Proposed Amended Rule 1135 – Emissions of Oxides of Nitrogen from Electricity Generating Facilities

Wednesday, February 22, 2023 1:00 p.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 1135 – Emissions of Oxides of Nitrogen from Electricity Generating Facilities (PAR 1135) which is scheduled for a Public Hearing before the South Coast AQMD Governing Board on May 5, 2023 (subject to change).

Background

During the 2022 amendment of Rule 1135, stakeholders urged staff to conduct a Best Available Retrofit Control Technology (BARCT) analysis of electric generating units on Santa Catalina Island emphasizing zero-emission technologies. In response to stakeholder comments, staff performed a BARCT analysis with a focus on zero-emission and near-zero emission technologies to repower Santa Catalina Island.

Proposed Amended Rule and Objectives

PAR 1135 will establish NOx emission limits for electric generating units located on Santa Catalina Island to reflect current BARCT. PAR 1135 will also include monitoring, reporting, and recordkeeping requirements for electric generating units located on Santa Catalina Island and extend the compliance deadline for boilers and gas turbines to comply with Rule 1135 emission limits.

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(1) and South Coast AQMD Rule 110), the South Coast AQMD, as lead agency, is currently reviewing the proposed project (PAR 1135) 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 February 17, 2023:

- Preliminary Draft of PAR 1135; and
- Preliminary Draft Staff Report for PAR 1135

To Obtain Copies of the Above Documents

Copies of the preliminary draft proposed amended rule and the preliminary draft staff report will be available no later than February 17, 2023, and may be obtained from:

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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-1135

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 Michael Morris at (909) 396-3282 from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, or send the request to mmorris@aqmd.gov.

Submission of Documents or Comments

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

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Written comments on PAR 1135 should be submitted by March 8, 2023.