

South Coast Air Quality Management District

Notice of Public Workshop

Proposed Rule 1495 – Commodity Fumigation

Thursday October 1, 2026

Time: 1:30 PM

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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. 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 Rule 1495 – Commodity Fumigation (PR 1495), which is scheduled for a Public Hearing before the South Coast AQMD Governing Board on December 4, 2026 (subject to change).

Background

Commodity fumigation is the process of using a fumigant, a gaseous pesticide, in a confined area to eradicate one or more target pests from goods prior to import or export to ensure food or product safety and to protect domestic markets from invasive pests. Many of the fumigants used, such as methyl bromide, sulfuryl fluoride, and phosphine, are identified by the state of California as toxic air contaminants (TACs). The Multiple Air Toxics Exposure Study V (MATES V) identified elevated ambient methyl bromide concentrations in the West Long Beach area and special monitoring by the California Air Resources Board (CARB) confirmed those findings. Collaboratively, the commodity fumigation facilities and the Los Angeles County Agricultural Commissioner identified several best management practices capable of reducing ambient methyl bromide concentrations, subsequently confirmed with special monitoring.

Objective of Proposed Rule

PR 1495 will protect public health by reducing TAC emissions from commodity fumigation by establishing emission limits, identifying best management practices, and implementing source testing and parametric monitoring requirements for air pollution capture and control devices.

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

Pursuant to 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 (PR 1495) 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 made available no later than September 18, 2026:

- Preliminary Draft PR 1495; and
- Preliminary Draft Staff Report for PR 1495

To Obtain Copies of the Above Documents

Copies of the Preliminary Draft of PR 1495 and the Staff Report may be obtained from:

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The documents will also be available for download from the South Coast AQMD website at:
<https://www.aqmd.gov/home/rules-compliance/rules/scaqmd-rule-book/proposed-rules/rule-1495>

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. 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.

Key Contacts for Submitting Questions and Comments

Attendees are invited to ask questions and make comments during the Public Workshop. Questions, comments, documents, or other relevant information may also be directed to:

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Staff requests written comments on PR 1495 be submitted no later than Wednesday, October 14, 2026. Please note that under the California Public Records Act (Gov. Code Section 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 and cannot be kept confidential.