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# REMEMBERING FORMER GOVERNING BOARD CHAIR DR. WILLIAM A. “BILL” BURKE

Longtime South Coast AQMD Governing Board Chair and Los Angeles civic leader Dr. William A. “Bill” Burke passed away on May 29 at the age of 87 surrounded by his family.



Dr. Burke served as Chair of the South Coast AQMD Governing Board for more than two decades, helping shape the district’s Clean Air Mission during a period of significant environmental progress. His leadership, vision, and unwavering commitment to public health left a lasting impact on the agency and the millions of residents who live and work throughout the region.

Under his leadership, the Governing Board adopted 268 clean air rules that significantly reduced emissions of smog-forming pollutants and particulate matter, while pioneering nearly \$2 billion in technology incentive funding that helped replace more than 35,000 high-emitting engines and equipment with cleaner technologies. He also championed partnerships that accelerated the development of cleaner heavy-duty engines and zero-emission technologies, many of which have had impacts well beyond Southern California.

Dr. Burke’s greatest legacy, however, was his unwavering commitment to environmental justice. He believed everyone deserved the opportunity to breathe clean air and helped establish South Coast AQMD’s Environmental Justice Community Partnership and Environmental Justice Advisory Group, ensuring that the voices of communities most affected by air pollution helped shape the agency’s work. His contributions continue to guide South Coast AQMD’s mission to protect public health and improve air quality.

Beyond his work in air quality, Dr. Burke was

a respected civic leader whose influence extended across the Los Angeles region. He founded the Los Angeles Marathon, transforming it into one of the nation’s most celebrated running events and creating a tradition that has brought together hundreds of thousands of participants and spectators over the past four decades. Inspired by the spirit of the 1984 Olympic Games, he envisioned the marathon as a celebration of community, perseverance, and the city he loved.



While his professional accomplishments were extraordinary, his family shared that Dr. Burke’s greatest pride was being a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. He is survived by his wife, former Los Angeles County Supervisor Yvonne Brathwaite Burke; daughters Christine Burke Adams and Autumn Burke; and his beloved grandchildren.

Dr. Burke’s vision and dedication to public service will continue to inspire South Coast AQMD’s work to protect public health through clean air for generations to come.



# ADVANCED AIR MONITORING DURING THE GARDEN GROVE EMERGENCY RESPONSE

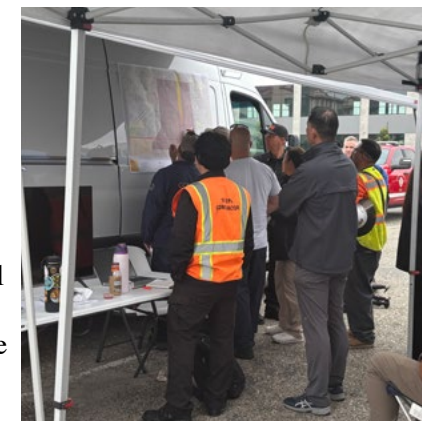


When a chemical tank at the GKN Aerospace facility in Garden Grove became unstable over Memorial Day weekend, South Coast AQMD quickly mobilized to provide specialized air quality monitoring and technical support as part of the multi-agency emergency response.



Working alongside the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA), Orange County Health Care Agency/HAZMAT, and the National Weather Service’s San Diego office, South Coast AQMD staff provided meteorological analysis, atmospheric modeling, and air monitoring support to help emergency responders evaluate potential risks and make informed decisions.

Using advanced atmospheric modeling tools, staff evaluated potential chemical exposure scenarios in the event of a leak or explosion. Additional modeling was conducted to estimate concentrations of methyl methacrylate



(MMA), the chemical contained in the affected tank, during the response. These modeling results helped identify areas of potential impact and informed the placement of air monitoring equipment throughout the response.



South Coast AQMD also deployed a mobile air monitoring vehicle and other specialized monitoring equipment to collect real-time air quality data around the facility and in nearby neighborhoods. Combined with continuous meteorological analysis, the monitoring data provided emergency managers with critical information to help evaluate the evacuation zone perimeter and determine appropriate locations for community air monitoring stations, as conditions evolved.

Following stabilization of the tank, South Coast AQMD continued providing technical support and oversight for facility contractors conducting air monitoring around the facility during the cleanup phase. South Coast AQMD continues to work with state and local partners to ensure air monitoring is ongoing during the removal of any materials from the MMA containing tanks on site.

The response highlighted South Coast AQMD’s ability to rapidly deploy specialized air monitoring resources and technical expertise during hazardous materials incidents. It also underscored the value of the agency’s ongoing investment in air quality modeling, monitoring capabilities, and emergency preparedness, enabling the agency to quickly provide reliable, science-based information that supports emergency response operations and helps protect public health.

# SUPPORTING BOYLE HEIGHTS DURING THE PALOS FIRE RESPONSE



Since the June 17 Palos Fire at a cold storage warehouse in Boyle Heights, South Coast AQMD has been working around the clock to help protect public health through specialized air monitoring, public advisories, community outreach, and expanded assistance for residents affected by smoke and persistent odors.

During the fire, South Coast AQMD deployed its specialized mobile air monitoring equipment beginning on June 17 to assess smoke and air quality impacts associated with the fire. Based on those monitoring results, the agency installed continuous particulate matter (PM2.5) monitors in the area to provide ongoing measurements.

South Coast AQMD staff also conducted air quality monitoring and smoke plume modeling throughout the incident to track changing conditions. In response to the smoke impacts, South Coast AQMD issued a particle pollution advisory on June 17 and extended it for several days until June 24, while firefighting and smoldering conditions continued.

The agency also deployed its specialized mobile air monitoring equipment on June 17 and 18 to assess smoke and air quality impacts associated with the fire. These measurements were conducted under Incident Command with Los Angeles Fire Department and in collaboration with Los Angeles County Hazmat and U.S. EPA. South Coast AQMD then installed monitors at Eastman Avenue Elementary and Robert Louis Stevenson Middle School to provide ongoing measurements in the communities most affected by the smoke. Continuous PM2.5 monitoring is being conducted at these two sites, as well as continuous hydrogen sulfide (H2S) and methane (CH4) at Eastman

Ave Elementary school. Data is collected hourly and provides near-real-time concentration levels.

To provide the public with access to air monitoring data, South Coast AQMD launched a dedicated webpage that includes results of its mobile monitoring as well as an online dashboard displaying the near-real-time PM2.5 measurements from the temporary monitoring sites, along with information from the agency's regional air monitoring network and local air sensors.

South Coast AQMD continues providing active technical oversight of the third-party contractor who is conducting community air monitoring during the cleanup phase to ensure the monitoring is scientifically sound and responsive to community and health concerns. South Coast AQMD has been working with Los Angeles County Department of Public Health to improve public understanding and communication about the contractor's air monitoring data. To provide an additional layer of independent oversight, South Coast AQMD is also conducting its own unannounced air quality assessments near the facility and throughout the community.

As cleanup efforts continued into July, South Coast AQMD inspectors responded to numerous complaints of rotten, sour, garbage-type odors from surrounding communities and traced the odors to the cleanup operations at the facility. On July 17, South Coast AQMD issued a formal demand letter requiring Lineage Logistics, LLC (Lineage) to strengthen its Odor Management Plan by implementing more than two dozen additional odor control measures to reduce impacts on nearby communities. As of August 7, 26 Notices of Violation (NOV) have been issued to the

warehouse operator for violating South Coast AQMD Rule 402 and California Health and Safety Code section 41700, which prohibit emissions that create a public nuisance. The South Coast AQMD Hearing Board held a hearing on August 5 and approved an Order for Abatement requiring Lineage to comply with more than 90 conditions designed to contain, reduce, and eliminate odorous emissions. In response to public testimony, the order also requires bilingual communications and continued fenceline air monitoring.

To help residents in Boyle Heights and surrounding communities during cleanup activities, the South Coast AQMD Governing Board approved up to \$5 million in additional funding to expand the agency's AB 617 Residential Air Filtration Program. The additional funding provided eligible households with expedited access to CARB-certified HEPA air purifiers, a three-year supply of replacement filters, and direct shipment to their homes at no cost. During the second week of July, South Coast AQMD staff also hosted community outreach events to assist eligible residents with air purifier applications and expedite participation in the program.

South Coast AQMD continues working with local, state, and federal partners to monitor air quality, respond to community concerns, and provide resources that help protect public health throughout the recovery effort.

For the latest information on South Coast AQMD's response to the Palos Fire incident, including air monitoring data, program information, and community resources, visit [aqmd.gov/palos](http://aqmd.gov/palos).



# SOUTH COAST AQMD SHOWCASES NEW TECHNOLOGY TO TACKLE COACHELLA VALLEY DUST POLLUTION

South Coast AQMD showcased new tools and technology deployed to better understand and reduce windblown dust pollution in the Coachella Valley during a field demonstration on May 29 held in partnership with Riverside County Supervisor V. Manuel Perez near the UC Riverside Palm Desert Campus.

Windblown dust is a persistent challenge in the Coachella Valley, contributing to elevated particulate matter levels that can affect public health and quality of life. The ongoing work will help scientists identify where dust originates, how it travels, and which mitigation strategies will be most effective. The enhanced data will also improve dust forecasting and support more targeted solutions for the region.

South Coast AQMD scientists, joined by Supervisor Perez and research partners from UC Riverside and UC San Diego, demonstrated how expanded air monitoring, targeted fieldwork, and specialized equipment are providing the data needed to analyze the valley’s unique dust conditions.



A key feature of the demonstration was the Portable In-Situ Wind Erosion Laboratory (PI-SWRL), a specialized field instrument that measures how easily dust becomes airborne under different wind conditions. Scientists will use data collected from the PI-SWRL, along with geographic mapping and air quality modeling, to identify the surfaces that generate the most dust emissions and develop more targeted mitigation strategies.

The event also highlighted South Coast AQMD’s growing network of air quality monitoring tools throughout the Coachella Valley. Seven new air quality sensors have been installed to measure particle pollution (PM2.5 and PM10). These sensors complement the regulatory monitoring stations and provide more localized and real-time data that helps both scientists and the public better understand changing air quality conditions.



In addition, South Coast AQMD recently expanded its dust monitoring network by installing two high-elevation environmental cameras and partnering with UC San Diego to utilize two additional cameras. The cameras help South Coast AQMD scientists visually track dust events, identify where dust plumes originate, and guide field sampling efforts.

Together, these technologies are advancing South Coast AQMD’s comprehensive three-part strategy to reduce windblown dust by identifying major dust sources, developing science-based mitigation solutions, and investing in projects that reduce emissions in the communities most affected. The enhanced data collection and forecasting capabilities will help inform future dust reduction efforts while providing communities with more timely information about local air quality conditions.



# MULTIPLE NOTICES OF VIOLATION ISSUED TO BUSINESSES FOR ODOR COMPLAINTS

Multiple Notices of Violation (NOVs) were recently issued by South Coast AQMD to several businesses following separate investigations into odor impacts affecting nearby communities in Compton and East Los Angeles.

In Compton, nine NOVs were issued this year in connection with operations at Demenno–Kerdoon, doing business as World Oil Recycling. Eight were issued to the facility, while one was issued to a contractor for equipment-related deficiencies.

Since January 1, 2026, South Coast AQMD has received more than 70 public complaints reporting gas-like odors in the area, including complaints from Jefferson Elementary School. Inspectors responded to the complaints and conducted more than a dozen on-site inspections as part of their investigation.

Following a small fire at the facility on May 21, inspectors continued investigating odor reports and confirmed public nuisance violations on multiple occasions including

violations involving odors detected at Jefferson Elementary School that were traced back to the facility. Using a handheld Forward-Looking Infrared (FLIR) optical gas imaging camera, inspectors identified emissions from a wastewater storage tank and a centrifuge pump that may have contributed to the reported odors. As a result, NOVs were issued on May 28, June 1, and June 2.

Additional NOVs were issued on June 12 and 16 after inspectors determined that equipment was not being maintained in proper operating condition, including a wastewater storage tank that was not vapor-tight and a centrifuge pump operated by a contractor. The facility began working on repairs while the investigation remained ongoing.

In a separate enforcement action, South Coast AQMD issued three NOVs following the May 22 crude oil spill in East Los Angeles. The incident occurred when drilling operations for a fiber optic installation damaged an underground crude oil pipeline, releasing approximately 25,000

gallons of crude oil into nearby storm drains.

South Coast AQMD inspectors responded after receiving complaints of strong petroleum odors, including one from Esteban E. Torres High School. Inspectors confirmed the odors at the school and traced them to the spill site.

Following its investigation, South Coast AQMD issued one NOV each to Camarillo Drilling, Arcadian Infracom, and HP Communications for public nuisance violations.

South Coast AQMD investigates all air quality complaints and takes enforcement action when violations of air quality regulations are identified. Members of the public are encouraged to report odors, dust, smoke, and other air quality concerns by:

- Calling 1-800-CUT-SMOG (288-7664)
- Filing a report via the online complaint portal at [aqmd.gov](https://aqmd.gov)
- Using the South Coast AQMD mobile app

# FARMWORKER AWARENESS WEEK AND DONATION DRIVE

In recognition of Farmworker Awareness Week, South Coast AQMD’s Hispanic and Latinx Organization for Success (HALOS) Employee Resource Group (ERG), in partnership with the Community Engagement and Air Programs (CEAP) division, hosted a donation drive throughout March and April to support farmworkers and their families in the Coachella Valley.

On June 17, HALOS and CEAP members delivered the donated household and personal care items to the Galilee Center, home to the FIND (Food In Need of Distribution) Regional Food Bank and Farm Worker Center.

During the visit, staff met with representatives from South Coast AQMD Governing Board Member and Riverside County Supervisor V. Manuel Perez’s office to learn more about the unique challenges and opportunities facing communities throughout the Coachella Valley. They also toured the Galilee Center and learned about its programs



and services, including housing assistance, laundry and personal hygiene facilities, a community store, and other resources that provide critical support to migrant workers, farmworkers, and families across the region.

South Coast AQMD extends its sincere appreciation to the HALOS ERG for leading this meaningful effort and to everyone who contributed to the donation drive. Through partnerships like these, the agency continues to support organizations working to improve the well-being of communities throughout Southern California.

## 2026 GOVERNING BOARD SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

This summer, South Coast AQMD welcomed 31 undergraduate and graduate students from colleges and universities throughout Southern California as part of the 2026 Governing Board Summer Internship Program.

The 11-week and 7-week internship programs provided students with an immersive introduction to South Coast AQMD's mission and ongoing efforts to improve air quality across the region. Interns were assigned to divisions

throughout the agency, where they collaborated with staff on meaningful projects, gaining hands-on experience while developing professional skills and exploring potential career paths.

As part of the program, interns participated in a Critical Conversations for Purposeful Outreach (C3PO) experience in South and Southeast Los

Angeles, where they engaged directly with community partners to better understand local perspectives on air quality and environmental issues. They also gained firsthand insight into air quality regulation through visits to a local refinery and field experiences with Compliance and Enforcement



staff, providing a broader understanding of industry operations, regulatory oversight, and community engagement.

The Governing Board Summer Internship Program concluded on August 7, equipping participants with valuable professional experience and a deeper appreciation for the collaborative work involved in improving air quality throughout the South Coast Air Basin.



## INVEST CLEAN UPDATE: HISTORIC FUNDING AND EXPANDED OUTREACH

The INVEST CLEAN initiative reached a major milestone in June when the South Coast AQMD Governing Board approved nearly \$250 million in funding for zero-emission goods movement projects across Southern California and the Mojave Desert. The investment marks the largest funding commitment ever made for battery-electric switcher locomotives and represents a significant step toward modernizing the region's goods movement system.

The approved projects will support deployment of at least 31 battery-electric switcher locomotives, 67 units of zero-emission cargo handling equipment, and 247 heavy-duty truck charging connections. Together, the projects are expected to reduce approximately 586 tons of nitrogen oxides (NOx), 14 tons of fine particulate matter (PM2.5), and 15 tons of diesel particulate matter (DPM) each year, improving air quality in communities near freight corridors while supporting manufacturing, construction, and technology jobs across the United States.

In addition to this funding milestone, the INVEST CLEAN team has expanded outreach efforts through participation in regional conferences, summits, and community events. These engagements help raise awareness of the program

and the benefits of cleaner freight transportation. Additional community-based events are planned in the coming months.

The INVEST CLEAN program continues to modernize Southern California's goods movement system by advancing zero-emission technologies that improve air quality, support healthier communities, and create quality jobs throughout the region. The INVEST CLEAN Public Benefits Steering Committee will meet again on August 20 to provide community input and recommendations to help maximize benefits for residents living near goods movement corridors.

Visit [investclean.org](https://investclean.org) to learn more about the program and stay up to date on outreach events, Public Benefits Steering Committee meetings, and the latest developments.



## COMMUNITY AIR PROTECTION PROGRAM (AB 617)

The Community Air Protection Program (AB 617) is a community-based program that brings together residents, local businesses, health and environmental organizations, government agencies, and other stakeholders to form Community Steering Committees (CSCs). These CSCs work together to develop and implement plans to help reduce air pollution in communities. These plans are known as Community Emission Reduction Plans (CERPs) and Community Air Monitoring Plans (CAMPs). CERPs focus on community-identified air quality priorities while CAMPs provide localized strategies for air quality monitoring. All six communities within South Coast AQMD's jurisdiction are currently in the implementation phase of their CERPs and CAMPs.

South Coast AQMD continues to work with community partners to implement projects and strategies identified in each community's CERP and CAMP, including community outreach efforts, emissions reduction initiatives, incentive funding opportunities, and air monitoring activities.

South Coast AQMD also holds quarterly meetings with CSC members and co-lead organizations to provide updates on the progress of plan implementation. For more information on the AB 617 Program or meeting schedules, visit [www.aqmd.gov/ab617](https://www.aqmd.gov/ab617).

### 3rd Annual AB 617 Community Engagement Event

South Coast AQMD will be hosting the 3rd Annual Community Air Protection Program (AB 617) Community Engagement Event on Saturday, October 17, 2026. The event will highlight the power of community collaboration through meaningful conversations on current events and their impact on air quality. It will provide an inclusive and inspiring space for CSC members as well as representatives from consistently nominated communities to connect across regions, exchange insights, and share strategies. For those who cannot attend in person, the event will also be livestreamed.

For more information on the AB 617 Program or meeting schedules, visit [www.aqmd.gov/ab617](https://www.aqmd.gov/ab617) or email [ab617comments@aqmd.gov](mailto:ab617comments@aqmd.gov).

### Upcoming AB 617 Community Meetings:

- South Los Angeles (SLA) – September 3 & November 12, 4-6 p.m.
- Eastern Coachella Valley (ECV) – September 24, 5-7 p.m.
- Southeast Los Angeles (SELA) – October 1, 4-6 p.m.
- 3rd Annual AB 617 Community Engagement Event – October 17, (TBD)

## SOUTH COAST AQMD SUPPORTS SCCAEPYOUTH ENVIRONMENTAL SUMMER CAMP

In support of the Southern California Chinese American Environmental Protection Association (SCCAEPA), South Coast AQMD hosted an air quality program as part of the organization's Youth Environmental Summer Camp.

This marked the third year South Coast AQMD has participated in the six-week camp, designed for students in grades 9-12 who are interested in exploring environmental science and related career paths. Hosted at South Coast AQMD headquarters in Diamond Bar, this year's air quality program, Air Quality in Our Community, introduced students to the science of air pollution, community air monitoring, and the use of low-cost air quality sensors.

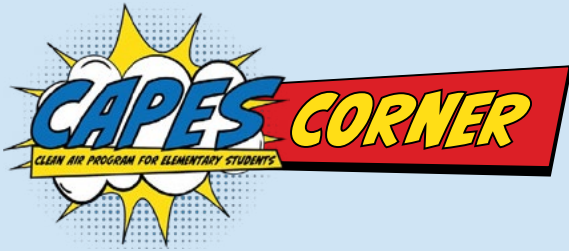
Led by Dr. Xiang Li and Dr. Zihan Zhu from the Monitoring and Analysis Division, the program combined classroom instruction with hands-on activities that

help students better understand the causes and impacts of air pollution.

Using South Coast AQMD's Community in Action: A Comprehensive Guidebook on Air Quality Sensors and low-cost sensors provided through the agency's AQ-SPEC program, students learned how air pollutants are measured, deployed sensors, analyzed air quality data, and identified potential pollution sources in their communities. Participants also toured the South Coast AQMD laboratory and explored strategies to help reduce air pollution exposure and improve community health.

The program concluded with student presentations showcasing what participants learned through their research and data analysis. By supporting programs like the SCCAEPYOUTH Environmental Summer Camp, South Coast AQMD continues to inspire the next generation of environmental professionals and empower young people with the knowledge and skills to help build healthier, cleaner communities.





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To participate in our air quality education programs geared for elementary, middle, and high school students, please email [capinfo@aqmd.gov](mailto:capinfo@aqmd.gov) or call (909) 396-2420.



# RULE UPDATE

PR = Proposed Rule PAR = Proposed Amended Rule/Regulation

## AUGUST

### PAR 1401 – New Source Review of Toxic Air Contaminants

Proposed Amended Rule 1401 will include new toxic air contaminants identified by the California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment or to revise health values for existing compounds. Contact: Neil Fujiwara at [nfujiwara@aqmd.gov](mailto:nfujiwara@aqmd.gov) or (909) 396-3512

**Rule 1302 - Definitions** defines terms used in Regulation XIII – New Source Review, which sets forth the federal and state mandated pre-construction review program for new, modified, or relocated sources for non-RECLAIM air contaminants. The recently amended rule updates the definition of Essential Public Service to include composting operations under specific circumstances. California Senate Bill 1383 (SB 1383) requires organic waste diversion from landfills. It mandates statewide residential and commercial organic waste collection to compost or recycle food scraps, yard waste, and paper. This amendment allows qualified composting operations to draw from credits in the Priority Reserve rather than buying them on the open market as they implement state mandated organic waste diversion. Contact: Michael Morris at [mmorris@aqmd.gov](mailto:mmorris@aqmd.gov) or (909)396-3282

**South Coast AQMD's efforts to lower toxicity of coatings, solvents, adhesives, and metal working fluids**

Smog is formed when Volatile Organic Compounds photochemically react with oxides of nitrogen (NOx) in the atmosphere and the reactivity of VOCs varies by compound. Certain VOCs that negligibly contribute to the formation of ground-level ozone or smog are considered exempt from the regulatory definition, so they are used by many coating manufacturers to comply with South Coast AQMD rules. However, some exempt compounds have potential toxic health risk. Two exempt compounds, para-Chlorobenzotrifluoride (pCBtF) and tert-Butyl Acetate (t-BAC), commonly used in coatings, solvents, adhesives, and metal working fluids, have recently been determined to be potent carcinogens. South Coast AQMD has been amending our VOC rules, evaluating each category to assess if pCBtF and t-BAC are being used and establishing a schedule for their phase out. To date, South Coast AQMD has amended the following seven VOC rules to address the health risk from pCBtF and t-BAC with many more rules currently undergoing amendments.

**Rule 1168** - Adhesive and Sealant Applications (Amended November 2022)

**Rule 1151** - Motor Vehicle and Mobile Equipment Non-Assembly Line Coating Operations (Amended November 2024)

**Rule 1171** - Solvent Cleaning Operations (Amended June 2025)

**Rule 1107** - Coating of Metal Parts and Products (Amended December 2025)

**Rule 1144** - Metal Working Fluids and Direct-Contact Lubricants (Amended April 2026)

**Rule 1124** - Aerospace Assembly and Component Manufacturing Operations (Amended April 2026)

**Rule 1136** - Wood Coating Operations (Amended June 2026)

Additional information regarding VOCs, coatings, rules, and exempt compounds can be found on the South Coast AQMD's VOC [Compliance Page](#). Additionally, a document summarizing the pCBtF and t-BAC phase out schedule for recently adopted rules can be found [here](#). Additional rules will be added as they are amended. Contact: Heather Farr at [hfarr@aqmd.gov](mailto:hfarr@aqmd.gov) or (909)396-3672

## SEPTEMBER

### PAR 461 – Gasoline Transfer and Dispensing

Proposed Amended Rule 461 will provide an alternative recordkeeping provision. Contact: Neil Fujiwara at [nfujiwara@aqmd.gov](mailto:nfujiwara@aqmd.gov) or (909) 396-3512

### PAR 1157 – PM10 Emission Reductions from Aggregate and Related Operations

PAR 1157 will address community concerns and further reduce PM10 emissions by strengthening the existing requirements as well as expanding applicability to include demolition and construction transfer stations, and enhancing recordkeeping and housekeeping provisions. Contact: Neil Fujiwara at [nfujiwara@aqmd.gov](mailto:nfujiwara@aqmd.gov) or (909) 396-3512



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## DURING A SMOKE EVENT – PROTECT YOURSELF

IF YOU SMELL SMOKE OR SEE ASH DUE TO A SMOKE EVENT, HERE ARE WAYS TO LIMIT YOUR EXPOSURE:



Remain indoors with windows and doors closed or seek alternate shelter.

Avoid using a whole-house fan or a swamp cooler with an outside air intake.



Avoid vigorous physical activity.



If you must be outdoors in smoky conditions, keep it brief, and use a disposable mask (N-95 or P-100).



## DURING A SMOKE EVENT



Run your A/C if you have one, change your filter often (MERV 13 +), or run a portable HEPA purifier.



Avoid using indoor or outdoor wood-burning appliances, including fireplaces, and combustion sources like candles and incense.



Smoke can cause unhealthy air quality in areas many miles away from the fire. Smoke conditions change quickly, so check your air quality using the South Coast AQMD app or on our interactive map at [aqmd.gov](http://aqmd.gov). Older adults, young children, pregnant women, and people with heart diseases or lung diseases (such as asthma) may be especially sensitive to health risks from smoke.



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# UPCOMING RULE COMPLIANCE PROMOTION CLASSES

Classes are conducted online via Zoom. Preregistration is required. Class schedules are subject to change.

## Rule 403 – Dust Control in the South Coast Air Basin Training

• Every third Wednesday of the month, January through November. This half-day course is held from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. There is no fee.

• **No classes are held during the month of December.**

Visit <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/programs/business/training-403-403-1-fugitive-dust>. To register, e-mail [dustcontrol@aqmd.gov](mailto:dustcontrol@aqmd.gov) or fax request to (909) 396-2608.

## Rule 403 & 403.1 – Dust Control in the Coachella Valley Training

• Every third Thursday of the month, January through November, 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. There is no fee.

• **No classes are held during the month of December.**

Visit <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/programs/business/training-403-403-1-fugitive-dust> for class and registration information. To register, email [dustcontrol@aqmd.gov](mailto:dustcontrol@aqmd.gov).

## Rule 461 – Gasoline Transfer and Dispensing Training

• Daily Maintenance Inspection – Registration Fee: **\$217.39**

Wednesday, October 7, 2026

• Periodic Compliance Inspection – Registration Fee: **\$237.91**

– Wednesday, October 14, 2026

• Vapor Recovery System Tester Orientation – Registration Fee: **\$226.18**

– Wednesday, August 5, 2026

– Wednesday, October 21, 2026

Visit <https://www.aqmd.gov/home/rules-compliance/compliance/gasoline-dispensing2/rule-461-classes> for class and registration information. Call Rule 461 Assistance at (909) 396-3546 or email [Rule461assistance@aqmd.gov](mailto:Rule461assistance@aqmd.gov) for more information.

## Rule 1403 – Asbestos Demolition and Renovation Compliance Training

• August 12, 2026 (Fee **\$118.30 per person**) –

Register in advance by July 15, 2026, for this class at the following link: [August 12, 2026 Registration Link](#)

• October 7, 2026 (Fee **\$118.30 per person**) –

Register in advance by September 9, 2026, for this class at the following link: [October 7, 2026 Registration Link](#)

• December 9, 2026 (Fee **\$118.30 per person**) –

Register in advance by November 11, 2026, for this class at the following link: [December 9, 2026 Registration Link](#)

This half-day class starts promptly at 8:00 a.m. and will be conducted in person at Diamond Bar HQ. Visit <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/programs/business/training-1403-asbestos-demolition> to register or call the Asbestos Hotline at (909) 396-2336 for more information.

## Rule 1469 – Hexavalent Chromium Training Certification

• August 20, 2026

• October 22, 2026

This half-day class, from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM, will be conducted in person at South Coast AQMD in Room CC-6. The fee is **\$46.94** per person. Pre-registration is required for this training. Registration for each class will close two (2) weeks before the class.

For more information visit <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/programs/business/training-1469-hexavalent-chromium>. If you have any questions, please call our Hotline at 909-396-2336 or send an email to [Rule1469info@aqmd.gov](mailto:Rule1469info@aqmd.gov).

## Rule 2202 - Employee Transportation Coordinator (ETC) Training

• August 4th & 6th

• September 8th & 10th

• October 6th & 8th

• November 3rd & 5th

• December 8th & 10th

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