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GOVERNING BOARD LEADERSHIP CHANGES AND APPOINTMENTS

This year began with several leadership changes and reappointments for the South Coast AQMD Governing Board, reflecting continued progress in the agency's regional work.

On February 6, Councilmember Michael A. Cacciotti was sworn in as Chair of the Governing Board, with Councilmember Larry McCallon appointed Vice Chair. Chair Cacciotti has served on the Governing Board since 2008, representing the Cities of the Eastern Region of Los Angeles County. He also serves on the South Pasadena City Council and previously spent nearly 20 years as a Deputy Attorney General with the California Department of Justice. Vice Chair McCallon, a Governing Board member since 2015, is a U.S. Air Force veteran and retired businessman who brings decades of experience in regional leadership, transportation, and public service.

The Governing Board also welcomed Cedric Jamie Rutland, MD, FCCP, as a new member following his appointment by Governor Gavin Newsom. A triple board-certified physician in internal medicine, pulmonary disease, and critical care medicine, Dr. Rutland brings significant clinical and public health expertise focused on respiratory health, patient care, and health equity.

In addition, Supervisor V. Manuel Perez was reappointed to continue serving on the Board, representing Riverside County's Fourth Supervisorial District. A Coachella Valley native, Supervisor Perez has served on the Riverside County Board of Supervisors since 2017 and previously served three terms in the California State Assembly, concluding his service as Majority Leader.

On January 9, Board Members Veronica Padilla-Campos and Brenda Olmos were sworn in following their reappointments to the Governing Board. Both were appointed to serve terms through January 15, 2030.

Board member Padilla-Campos, reappointed by Speaker of the Assembly Robert Rivas, has served on the Governing Board since 2021 and brings extensive experience in community and environmental advocacy and nonprofit leadership as Executive Director of Pacoima Beautiful. Vice Mayor Olmos, reappointed by the Cities of Los Angeles County, Western Region, represents the Gateway Cities region and had served on the Board since 2025. She also serves as Vice Mayor of the City of Paramount, and as President of the California Contract Cities Association, in addition to holding several regional leadership roles representing the City of Paramount.

The newest addition to the Board is Los Angeles Councilmember Adrin Nazarian. Councilmember Nazarian was appointed by Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass to represent the City of Los Angeles. He fills the seat previously held by Councilmember Nithya Raman, whose term ended on January 15.

South Coast AQMD's Governing Board adopts policies and regulations that promote clean air within its four-county jurisdiction and typically meets monthly at its Diamond Bar headquarters.

For more information and to view the Governing Board's annual meeting schedule, visit: <http://www.aqmd.gov/nav/about/governing-board>.

\$30 MILLION AVAILABLE FOR ZERO-EMISSION SCHOOL BUSES AND CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE

The South Coast AQMD Governing Board approved \$30 million on February 6 to help communities disproportionately impacted by air pollution replace older school buses with new, zero-emission models and install supporting charging infrastructure.

Funding is available through South Coast AQMD's Assembly Bill (AB) 617 Clean Community School Initiative, an incentive program supporting school-related projects in overburdened communities identified through the AB 617 Program. Applicants must be the operators of privately-owned school buses contracted with and servicing public school districts within the identified communities.

The initiative is expected to significantly reduce air pollution, including smog-forming nitrogen oxides (NOx) and particulate matter (PM10)—tiny particles that can penetrate deep into the lungs. Reducing exposure to these pollutants is especially critical for children whose lungs are still developing and who are more vulnerable to respiratory illnesses such as asthma. Zero-emission school buses help improve air quality around schools and along bus routes,

creating healthier learning environments and supporting long-term health outcomes for students and surrounding communities.

To qualify, existing school buses must be diesel-, compressed natural gas-, or propane-fueled; have a gross vehicle weight rating greater than 8,501 pounds; be currently registered with the California Department of Motor Vehicles; comply with the California Air Resources Board's (CARB) Truck and Bus Regulation, and hold valid California Highway Patrol safety certifications for at least the past two years.

Replacement buses must be CARB-certified, zero-emission vehicles in the same weight class, and maintain valid CHP certifications throughout the duration of the contract.

Application Deadline: Tuesday, April 7, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. PST.

To apply, visit South Coast AQMD's AB 617 Community Action Plan Incentives page at: www.aqmd.gov/cleancommunityschools.

PORTS COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

The Cooperative Agreement with the Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles was approved by the South Coast AQMD Governing Board on November 7, 2025, and subsequently approved by the Long Beach and Los Angeles Boards of Harbor Commissioners on November 10th and November 20, respectively.

The final agreement prioritizes the development of zero-emission infrastructure at the Ports similar focus to previous work on Proposed Rule 2304 - the first critical step towards eliminating emissions from cargo handling equipment, harbor craft, trucks, trains, and ocean-going vessels and attaining clean air in the region. The parties agreed on enforceable conditions that have financial penalties specified in the agreement if milestones are missed, and a process in the event any party wants to exit the agreement.

For updates and to learn more, please visit: www.aqmd.gov/portsagreement.



BOARD APPROVES NEW STUDY ON TIRE AND BRAKE POLLUTION

The Governing Board has approved two new research contracts to better understand air pollution from vehicle brake and tire wear, pollution sources that are becoming more significant as tailpipe emissions continue to decline.

Non-exhaust emissions, including particles from brakes and tires, are anticipated to become a leading source of direct particulate matter (PM) from vehicles. While electric vehicles can reduce brake-wear pollution through regenerative braking, their heavier weight may increase tire-wear emissions.

The studies will be conducted by the University of California, Riverside Center for Environmental Research and Technology (UCR/CE-CERT) and funded through the Clean Fuels Program Fund.

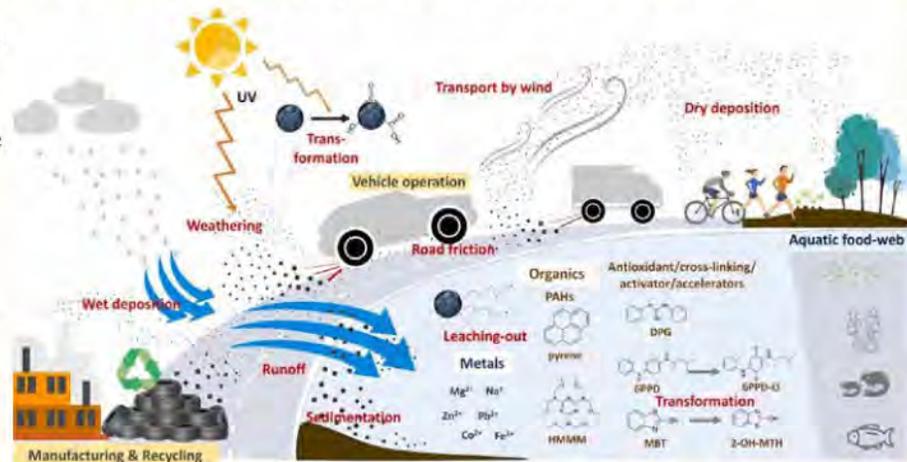
The first study, funded at up to \$200,000, will examine gases released from tires as they age and heat up. These gases can react in the atmosphere to form secondary organic aerosol, a type of fine particle. Laboratory testing has shown emissions increase significantly with temperature and vary by tire brand, age, and air chemistry. Most secondary particle formation occurs within days.

The second study, funded at up to \$600,000, will measure real-world brake and tire-wear emissions

from light-, medium-, and heavy-duty vehicles, expanding earlier work led by the CARB. Researchers will test a range of vehicle types, including battery-electric and goods movement trucks.

Tire wear is also a major source of microplastics and can contain heavy metals and other potentially toxic compounds linked to respiratory and cardiovascular health concerns.

Together, the projects will help quantify these growing pollution sources and inform future strategies to reduce exposure and improve air quality across the South Coast Air Basin.



Journal of Hazardous Materials; "Sources, transport pathways, and transformation processes of tire wear particles in the environment."

\$30 MILLION AVAILABLE FOR NEW EV CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE

The Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee (MSRC) is seeking project ideas to make zero-emission charging operations more reliable and resilient during grid outages or delays in securing permanent grid connectivity.

Up to \$30 million is available through their new Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Infrastructure Resiliency Program for projects located within South Coast Air Quality Management District. As the region continues transitioning to zero-emission vehicles, particularly in goods movement and municipal operations, dependable charging infrastructure is essential. Power outages, including Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS), and delays in utility upgrades can interrupt charging operations and impact freight movement, emergency response, and other vital services.

This new funding opportunity is designed to help charging sites remain operational during electrical disruptions or operate independently of the grid when necessary. It also advances projects where grid connections are delayed or restricted.

Eligible projects include new publicly accessible charging stations or upgrades to existing sites to add resiliency



Clean Transportation Funding from the MSRC

Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee

features. A key objective is to support the development of resilient infrastructure serving public access charging, goods movement, and critical municipal operations. Project ideas may include integrating on-site distributed energy resources such as solar power, battery storage, microgrid systems, or ultra-low emission backup power technologies.

The EV Charging Infrastructure Resiliency Program Opportunity Notice (PON) is available at: [MSRC Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Resiliency Program](#).

For questions, please contact:

- Cynthia Ravenstein, MSRC Contracts Administrator, (909) 396-3269 or Cynthia@CleanTransportationFunding.org
- Ray Gorski, MSRC Technical Advisor, (909) 396-2479 or Ray@CleanTransportationFunding.org

INVEST CLEAN PUBLIC BENEFITS PROGRAM ADVANCES COMMUNITY-DRIVEN SOLUTIONS



The INVEST CLEAN initiative continues to move forward with a strong focus on community impact through its Public Benefits Program, an effort designed to ensure that clean transportation investments translate into meaningful improvements for residents living near goods-movement corridors.

The South Coast AQMD-led Public Benefits Program is built around a framework that prioritizes neighborhoods disproportionately burdened by freight-related air pollution. The program emphasizes localized decision-making, measurable outcomes, and strategies that integrate air quality, climate, and public health priorities.



Supporting this effort is the Public Benefits Steering Committee, a seven-member advisory group representing freight-impacted regions in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino counties, as well as the Coachella Valley and Mojave Air Basin. Members bring technical expertise, strong community connections, and firsthand experience addressing environmental and public health challenges related to goods movement.

The Steering Committee first met last year in December, and again in February to discuss community air quality priorities, project implementation concepts, and education and outreach strategies. The next meeting is scheduled for May 7. Through its advisory roles and defined responsibilities, the committee helps ensure transparency, accountability, and community input.

The Public Benefits Program supports projects that deliver meaningful benefits for residents in freight-impacted neighborhoods. These may include zero-emission and electrification initiatives, community education programs, and workforce development opportunities in electrical, construction, and clean transportation trades. Project categories are being developed collaboratively with the Steering Committee and will prioritize emission reductions first, followed by mitigation and community-serving initiatives.

By integrating meaningful community engagement and strengthening local partnerships, the Public Benefits Program plays a vital role in advancing INVEST CLEAN's mission to build healthier, more resilient communities.

For updates and more information, visit InvestClean.org.

VIOLETIONS ISSUED TO IRVINE LANDFILL FOR ODORS IMPACTING NEARBY COMMUNITIES

Three Notices of Violation (NOVs) were issued to Orange County Waste and Recycling's Frank R. Bowerman Landfill (Bowerman) in the city of Irvine, for odors affecting surrounding communities.

Since January 1, 2026, South Coast AQMD has received more than 130 public complaints of rotten, sour, and garbage-type odors in the area. In response, inspectors investigated the reports, confirmed the odors with community members, and traced their source to Bowerman operations. As a result, NOVs were issued on January 7, 25, and 26 for violations of the public nuisance rules.

South Coast AQMD Rule 402 and California Health & Safety Code Section 41700 prohibit emissions that cause injury, nuisance, or annoyance to a significant number of people or the public.

Bowerman is a Class III municipal solid waste facility located at 11002 Bee Canyon Access Road and is one of the largest landfills in California. The facility accepts waste

from approved commercial municipal haulers and does not allow public disposal.

Bowerman is subject to routine inspections by state and regional agencies, including CalRecycle, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, and South Coast AQMD to ensure compliance with environmental regulations.

NOVs may result in civil penalties. Facilities may also take voluntary corrective actions to reduce emissions and prevent future issues. If no settlement is reached, a civil lawsuit may be filed in superior court.

Members of the public can report odors, dust, smoke, or other air quality issues by:

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

SOUTH COAST AQMD PROJECT SUPPORTS CITY OF LOS ANGELES' FULLY ELECTRIC LIFEGUARD FLEET

South Coast AQMD has secured funding to support the deployment of two 26-foot fully electric workboat vessels for the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks. This initiative advances a first-of-its-kind electric workboat deployment for the City's Lifeguard unit operating at Cabrillo Marina in the Port of Los Angeles. The City's lifeguard fleet plays a vital public safety role along Los Angeles beaches and harbor areas, providing ocean rescue, emergency medical response, vessel assistance, and marine patrol services.



The two battery-electric patrol vessels, manufactured by Voltari Electric, Inc. will replace two conventional combustion-powered boats currently used for emergency response and public-safety operations. Project funding was made possible through leveraged state and federal investments, including the Carl Moyer Program, the California Clean Off-Road Equipment Voucher Program, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Air Technology Initiative.



By deploying zero-emission commercial workboats, the City of Los Angeles is advancing its climate and clean air priorities while taking a significant step in modernizing its marine fleet and reducing emissions from coastal operations. Electrifying marine support vessels extends the City's clean fleet strategy beyond on-road transportation and into maritime operations, reinforcing its commitment to reducing emissions across all sectors of municipal service.

The electric vessels will significantly reduce nitrogen oxides (NOx), particulate matter (PM), and greenhouse gases in coastal and harbor environments. The project is also expected to improve safety and working conditions for lifeguard personnel, while reducing impacts on sensitive marine ecosystems.



This project represents an important step toward advancing state and local air-quality and climate goals and demonstrates how coordinated funding can enable early adoption of zero-emission marine technologies. South Coast AQMD's support provides a replicable model for other coastal cities seeking to modernize public-safety fleets while improving air quality and protecting public health.

HISTORIC BALBOA ISLAND FERRY ELECTRIFICATION PROJECT



Balboa Island Ferry operates three identical vintage wooden ferries built in the 1950s, transporting about 1.5 million passengers and 350,000 vehicles each year. The service provides a critical transportation and tourism link between Balboa Island and the Balboa Peninsula in Newport Beach.

South Coast AQMD is partnering with Balboa Island Ferry to replace the three diesel-powered ferries, currently equipped with 2010 Tier II marine engines, with battery-electric propulsion systems, and to install shoreside charging infrastructure to support their operation.



The \$12 million project is cost-shared by the California Air Resources Board (CARB), South Coast AQMD, and Balboa Island Ferry. Once completed, the project is expected to eliminate approximately 8,400 gallons of diesel fuel use per year, significantly reducing local air pollutants and greenhouse gas emissions associated with diesel engines.

Additionally, Balboa Island Ferry and its project partners will conduct workforce training and community outreach to support safe operations, maintenance readiness, and public confidence in zero-emission ferry technology. The project advances local planning priorities and environmentally sustainable mobility by maintaining essential connectivity between residential neighborhoods and employment destinations.

The ferry electrification project represents a significant step toward zero-emission marine transportation in the South Coast Air Basin. Upon completion, Balboa Island Ferry will operate the first fully zero-emission ferry fleet in California. The project provides a scalable pathway for ferry operators to transition from diesel to zero-emission propulsion while preserving reliable service and advancing cleaner, more resilient maritime operations.

NEW EV CHARGER NETWORK AT SOUTH COAST AQMD HEADQUARTERS



South Coast AQMD has installed a new electric vehicle (EV) charging network at its headquarters in Diamond Bar, advancing the transition to zero-emission transportation and supporting regional air quality and climate goals. The project replaced outdated chargers with 55 new, Level 2 ChargePoint units capable of serving 94 vehicles simultaneously, directly supporting California's objective to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and achieve carbon neutrality by 2045.

By broadening charging access for both staff and the public, the network helps address range anxiety and infrastructure gaps that remain key barriers to widespread EV adoption – critical steps toward reducing transportation-related emissions. The transportation sector accounts for approximately 40% of California's greenhouse gases, with light-duty vehicles representing the largest share and contributing 25-30% statewide.

The Level 2 chargers deliver up to 7.7 kW of power per port, providing efficient charging speeds that align with typical workplace and public charging needs. Real-time data monitoring and cloud-based network management enable proactive maintenance, optimize charger availability, and provide valuable usage data to inform future infrastructure planning and grid integration strategies, essential for scaling zero-emission transportation.

Enhanced accessibility features include ADA-compliant spacing, signage, and charger placement, to ensure equitable access for all users.

This project demonstrates South Coast AQMD's continued leadership in promoting clean transportation technology and delivering practical infrastructure solutions that accelerate the region's transition to zero-emission transportation.

MLK DAY OF SERVICE: REBUILDING ALTADENA

In honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, South Coast AQMD's Working with Communities (WWC) volunteer program participated in a San Gabriel Valley Habitat for Humanity build project in Altadena on Saturday, January 17. WWC organized this Day of Service volunteer opportunity to recognize Dr. King's legacy of service. Approximately 15 volunteers, including South Coast AQMD employees, family members, and friends, worked alongside community partners such as Hillside Church and the local Vons Pavilions supermarket. World Central Kitchen donated and provided meals for volunteers throughout the day.

It has been more than a year since the devastating Eaton Fire destroyed thousands of homes in Altadena. The WWC Day of Service focused on helping rebuild a home for the Wood family, including construction of an accessory dwelling unit. This marks the first home and family San Gabriel Valley Habitat for Humanity is supporting as part of Altadena's recovery efforts, with plans to rebuild at least 25 additional homes in the community.

South Coast AQMD also played an important role in the wildfire response efforts last year. The agency conducted special air monitoring in communities impacted by the Los Angeles wildfires, including Pacific Palisades and Altadena, to help assess air quality conditions. In addition, support was provided to federal, state, and local emergency response efforts through the issuance of Executive Orders allowing expanded use of emergency standby generators, along with technical guidance for cleanup and recovery activities.





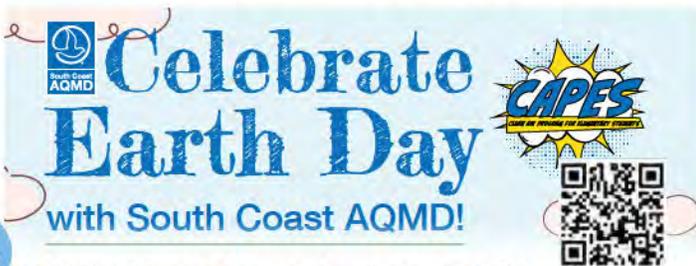
CELEBRATE EARTH DAY 2026 WITH SOUTH COAST AQMD



South Coast AQMD will celebrate Earth Day 2026 with two free virtual events designed to engage and educate students across the region. On April 22, South Coast AQMD will host interactive webinars through its Clean Air Program for Elementary Students (CAPES) and Why Healthy Air Matters (WHAM) programs, which serve elementary, middle, and high school classrooms.

This year's Earth Day events will feature more interactive and engaging formats, moving beyond traditional presentation-style webinars to encourage greater student participation and sustained engagement. Through age-appropriate activities and discussions, students will learn about air quality, South Coast AQMD's mission, and how they can help protect the air we breathe—while also exploring environmental and air quality career pathways.

South Coast AQMD will also participate in various Earth Day events throughout the region in support of our community partners. Follow @SouthCoastAQMD on all social media platforms for the latest updates.



CAPES - Virtual Event: April 22 at 10:00 a.m.

Join us for our annual virtual Earth Day celebration! South Coast AQMD's Clean Air Program for Elementary Students (CAPES) invites you to a free virtual webinar. In this interactive event, students will learn about the agency's mission and how they can do their part to help clean the air we breathe.

Register today! (<https://forms.office.com/g/RNjqhs9T1d>)

For more information, please contact (909) 396-2420 or capesinfo@aqmd.gov.



WHAM - Virtual Event: April 22 at 1:00 p.m.

Join us for our annual virtual Earth Day celebration! South Coast AQMD's Why Healthy Air Matters (WHAM) Program invites you to a free virtual webinar. Students will learn about South Coast AQMD's mission, the importance of air quality, and hear from air quality professionals about environmental career pathways.

Register today! (<https://forms.office.com/g/Vd96h21rLb>)

For more information, please contact (909) 396-2420 or wham@aqmd.gov.

AB 617 UPDATE

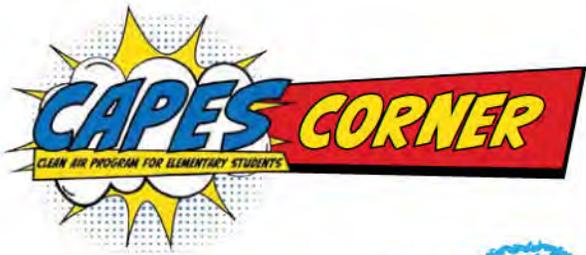
AB 617 is a community-based program that brings together residents, local businesses, health and environmental organizations, government agencies, and other stakeholders to form Community Steering Committees (CSCs). These CSCs work together to develop and implement plans to help reduce air pollution 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 hold 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.

Upcoming AB 617 Community Meetings:

- San Bernardino, Muscoy (SBM) – Thursday, April 9, 2026, 6-8 p.m.
- Southeast Los Angeles (SELA) – Thursday, April 23, 2026, 4-6 p.m.
- Eastern Coachella Valley (ECV) – Thursday, May 7, 2026, 5-7 p.m.
- East Los Angeles, Boyle Heights, West Commerce (ELABHWC) – Thursday, May 21, 2026, 4-6 p.m.
- South Los Angeles (SLA) – Thursday, June 4, 2026, 4-6 p.m.
- Wilmington, Carson West Long Beach (WCWLB) – Thursday, June 18, 2026, 2-4 p.m.



Coloring Activity



Directions:

Celebrate Earth Day!

Color the picture and hang it up as a reminder to be an Earth Day Hero! Help keep our air clean by recycling, planting, and walking, biking, or riding the bus!



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



RULE UPDATE

PR = Proposed Rule PAR = Proposed Amended Rule/Regulation

The following proposed amended rules and regulations are tentatively scheduled for hearings at upcoming Governing Board meetings in 2026. To verify whether scheduling changes have occurred, visit South Coast AQMD's website at www.aqmd.gov/home/news-events/meeting-agendas-minutes, check the Rule and Control Measure Forecast item on the most recent Governing Board meeting agenda, or call the Clerk of the Board's Office at (909) 396-2500. Copies of South Coast AQMD rules and regulations can be downloaded from the website at www.aqmd.gov/home/rules-compliance/rules/scaqmd-rule-book or obtained from the Public Information Center at (909) 396-2039.

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PAR 1124: Aerospace Assembly and Component Manufacturing Operations

Proposed Amended Rule 1124 will seek to phase out, or limit the use of, two toxic compounds, parachlorobenzotrifluoride (pCBtF) and tert-butyl acetate (tBAC), and provide alternative compliance options that allows facilities to continue to use certain pCBtF or tBAC-based materials at levels that are health protective to the community as well as other amendments to improve clarity.

Contact: Heather Farr at hfarr@aqmd.gov or (909) 396-3672

PAR 1136: Wood Products Coatings

Proposed Amended Rule 1136 will seek to phase out two toxic compounds, pCBtF and tBAC, and consider alternative reactivity-based VOC limits to facilitate the transition away from pCBtF and tBAC as well as other amendments to improve clarity.

Contact: Heather Farr at hfarr@aqmd.gov or (909) 396-3672

PAR 1144: Metalworking Fluids and Direct-Contact Lubricants

Proposed amendments will seek to phase out two toxic compounds, pCBtF and tBAC, as well as other amendments to improve clarity.

Contact: Michael Morris at mmorris@aqmd.gov or (909) 396-3282

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REGULATION III: Fees

Proposed Amended Rules 301, 303, 304, 304.1, 306, 307.1, 308, 309, 310, 311, 313, 314, 315 and 316 will adjust fees based the calendar year 2025 California Consumer Price Index (CPI) as well as proposing rule language clarifications and new or modified fees, which are necessary to provide cost recovery.

Contact: Heather Farr at hfarr@aqmd.gov or (909) 396-3672

BREATHE EASIER: REDUCING ASTHMA TRIGGERS IN AND AROUND YOUR HOME

WAYS TO REDUCE THE RISK OF ASTHMA ATTACKS WHILE AT HOME:

In California, about 4 million adults and 1.2 million children are diagnosed with asthma during their lifetime

Both indoor and outdoor air pollutants can cause asthma attacks. Inside triggers can include pet dander, mold, tobacco smoke, wood smoke, strong odors, and dust mites. Outdoor triggers include ozone, fine particles, and pollen. As always, talk to your doctor about an Asthma Management Plan.



Outdoor air quality: Check real-time air quality in your area by downloading the South Coast AQMD smartphone app at www.aqmd.gov/mobileapp or visiting: www.aqmd.gov/aqimap. Plan your outdoor activities when air quality is cleaner.



Mold: For small amounts of mold on hard surfaces, clean using detergent and hot water, or a bleach solution. Fix water leaks and ventilate bathrooms and kitchen areas to help prevent mold. Wear gloves, a facemask, and goggles while cleaning.



Pollen: When pollen levels are high (often in the spring and fall), limit the time you spend outdoors.



Cleaning and personal care products: When possible, choose cleaning and personal care products that are fragrance-free.



Pets and dust: Vacuum and damp dust weekly to reduce indoor pet allergens and dust mites.



Tobacco smoke: Contact your healthcare provider to discuss quitting smoking.



Bedding: Wash all bedding and stuffed animals in hot water every 1-2 weeks. You can also use a mattress cover or pillow case cover to reduce dust mites.



Wood smoke: Avoid burning wood in your fireplace, fire pit, or wood burning stove.



Stoves: When cooking on a stove or in an oven, use your range hood if you have one and open doors and windows if outdoor air quality is acceptable. Range hoods that vent outside are most effective. Cook on the back burners to increase the amount of pollution captured by the hood. Children in homes with gas stoves have a higher risk of developing asthma than children in homes with electric stoves.



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UPCOMING RULE COMPLIANCE PROMOTION CLASSES

Classes are conducted online via Zoom, unless otherwise noted. 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 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 4:30 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.

Rule 461: Gasoline Transfer and Dispensing Training

Daily Maintenance Inspection –

Registration Fee: \$210.65

• Wednesday, March 4, 2026

• Wednesday, June 3, 2026

Wednesday, October 7, 2026

Periodic Compliance Inspection –

Registration Fee: \$230.53

• Wednesday, March 11, 2026

• Wednesday, June 10, 2026

• Wednesday, October 14, 2026

Vapor Recovery System Tester Orientation –

Registration Fee: \$219.17

• Wednesday, March 18, 2026

• Wednesday, June 17, 2026

• Wednesday, August 5, 2026

• Wednesday, October 21, 2026

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

Rule 1403 – Asbestos Demolition and Renovation Compliance Training

• April 8, 2026

• June 10, 2026

• August 12, 2026

• October 7, 2026

• December 9, 2026

This half-day class starts promptly at 8:00 a.m. and will be conducted in person at Diamond Bar HQ. The fee is \$114.63 per person, except as noted.

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

• April 16, 2026

• June 25, 2026

• 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 \$45.48 per person for classes prior to July 1st. 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.

Rule 2202 - Employee Transportation Coordinator (ETC) Training

• March 10 and 12 2026

• March 24 and 26 2026

• April 7 and 9 2026

• April 21 and 23 2026

• May 5 and 7 2026

• May 19 and 21 2026

• June 2 and 4 2026

• June 16 and 18 2026

Each class is two days in length (Tuesday and Thursday). Classes are held from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Registration fee is \$237.81 per person. Enrollment is limited. Early registration is recommended.

For more information, contact the ETC Coordinator at (909) 396-2777, or visit <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/programs/business/training-2202-etc>. To register, e-mail etctraining@aqmd.gov or call (909) 396-2777.

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