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SOUTH COAST AQMD SPOTLIGHT: BOARD MEMBER SENATOR VANESSA DELGADO

Introduction:

The South Coast AQMD Governing Board plays a critical role in shaping policies and programs that protect public health and improve air quality across the region.

In this issue, we sit down with Governing Board Member Senator (Ret.) Vanessa Delgado, who represents the California State Senate Rules Committee, for a conversation about her background, priorities, and what inspires her commitment to improving air quality across the South Coast Air Basin.

Responses have been edited for length and clarity.

What inspired you to pursue public service (or your career path)?

Senator Vanessa Delgado: Public service is always something that I wanted to do. I think mostly because my grandmother, my Abuelita, was kind of the person that modeled that for me when I was growing up. She lived in Boyle Heights and had come from Zacatecas in the 80s, as a Bracero family. And, she was the home you stopped on, on the way from your journey...she would give people a change of clothes, food, let them take a shower...I've always just admired that spirit of giving and being of service.

What did your appointment to the Board mean to you personally—not just as a Board member, but as the first female and Latina Chair?

Senator Delgado: In the beginning, it was a huge learning curve. I admire our staff--the smartest, most giving group of public officials I've ever met, and I love it.

...To be the first Latina or Latino Chair is a lot of pressure because I want to make sure that there are a lot more that come after me. So, I want to do everything I can to be as transparent as I can...I loved it.

I think we actually make change and improve lives.

What experiences, personal or professional, have shaped your perspective on air quality?

Senator Delgado: ...I was around when we had smoke days when I was in junior high and elementary school. I was aware of air quality impacts on communities, but I think being a member of the Board and visiting underserved areas really did open my eyes about the folks that have the most needs...also have the greatest air impacts on their lives. And it's really quite shocking, how it's about where you live and what your zip code is, where you work.

And that's why I want to keep going and want to do what we can to keep our agency sustainable ...I know we have a lot to do because I don't want it to be that you have to deal with health impacts just because of where you live.

Is there a moment in your life that made air quality or environmental issues feel especially personal to you?

Senator Delgado: When I first got on the Board, I was really interested in understanding why it always smelled like dead animals on the Eastside. It was usually in the afternoons in the summer, and it was an awful smell. To their credit, our staff had been working on the issue, which was related to the rendering facilities in Vernon and Los Angeles, and the confluence of all those manufacturing facilities.

When I think about how I felt growing up that way, we all just thought, *Our community smells like that. And we live with that, and that's normal...*

I'm so proud of the rules that we passed...it's a stark reminder that there are some real impacts that people face with air quality. To think that people grow up with a dead carcass smell and that it's normal, that's just not normal. I know, we've got to fix that.

What impact does air quality have on your life or community?

Senator Delgado: I've learned so much more about air impacts that are regional, and that's what impacts me more now, and it's probably because I'm trying to understand how to change big policy issues. For example, going to the Port and seeing the origination of all the goods movement as it relates to factories being built in the Inland Empire, and driving through the 710, and the Wilmington area, and all the gateway cities, and SELAC communities. To me it's about making broader change. How can we bring zero-emission equipment so that all those communities can be impacted?

What are the biggest air quality challenges facing your community right now?

Senator Delgado: When I was finishing my role as the Chair, the Port had received a \$400 million plus grant to improve their operations. Then we received the INVEST CLEAN grant of almost \$500 million. Combined, it sounds like quite a bit--almost a billion dollars of resources... but I would love for that to truly translate into--as we move through the region and put the infrastructure in--that we're helping the communities that are most impacted by the worst air quality.

Driving around the Eastside, there are so many times that I can't find a fast charger and I'm out of miles. We're not ready to transition to zero emissions even for our day-to-day lives here in this area. I'm very conscious of that, but it is going to take a lot of money. A billion dollars is a great start.

What do you hope future generations will say about the work being done today?

Senator Delgado: ... If somebody ever said, *she got things done*. That's the highest-level compliment anybody would give me. So, if people in the future say, *oh, that's right, they got all those things done*. Then that's worthwhile.

If you weren't in your current role, what career might you have pursued?

Senator Delgado: I think I would have liked to be an artist, to be a painter. In another life, I think that would have been fun.

What advice would you give your younger self?

Senator Delgado: In my younger days I was very shy, and I still feel shy...but I wish that...I was fearless.

My grandma had 10 kids, and then there's, like, a couple dozen of us grandkids. There was the sense that the kids should go outside and be out of the way. I had a wonderful childhood. But sometimes I think, *had I thought about the things I wanted to achieve sooner, what could I be?*

But I would probably encourage my younger self to maybe, just enjoy life a little bit more. And not worry so much about my checklists.

What does "clean air" mean to you?

Senator Delgado: Clean air to me is equity...It's something that we all deserve. We have a right to clean air...clean air is for everyone, doesn't matter your zip code.

Want to know Senator Delgado's favorite L.A. restaurant or which apps she uses most? Check back soon for behind-the-scenes video clips with Senator Delgado on our social media channels. Follow us **@SouthCoastAQMD** for more.

FUN FACTS

Coffee or tea?

Coffee. With a lot of espresso.

Beach or mountains?

Oh, the beach. In the Caribbean, hopefully.

Favorite local restaurant or hidden gem?

My favorite restaurant is Moles La Tia. On Cesar Chavez in East LA. I could eat that all day long.

One word your colleagues would use to describe you?

When Michael became Chair, I think people described me as kind. And I try to be. I try to be respectful of everybody's needs.

Most-used app on your phone?

Probably Netflix, but followed closely by Spotify. Yeah, I think so. Okay, maybe, maybe TikTok. I don't know. It's a tie.

Favorite Southern California outdoor activity?

I love hiking. There's a lot of hikes in our area. So I love just the local ones here, like in Whittier.

On Spotify, do you have a station that's your most go-to?

I don't, I just try to make playlists. You know, get other people's playlists. And I'm a big fan of 90s house music. And that makes me feel like, you know, like I can get in the groove of things, so that's my go-to.

BOYLE HEIGHTS ODOR INCIDENT UPDATE

While cleanup efforts continued throughout most of the summer at the Lineage Logistics warehouse in Boyle Heights, South Coast AQMD conducted daily inspections at the facility and air quality monitoring in surrounding communities to verify compliance with an Order for Abatement issued to reduce odors from the facility.

The Order was approved by the South Coast AQMD Hearing Board on August 6 following thousands of odor complaints from the residents in surrounding communities reporting persistent rotten, sour, and garbage-like odors associated with cleanup activities at the cold storage facility, which contained over 88 million pounds of food products at the time of the fire.



The Order imposed over 90 conditions designed to mitigate odors, requiring the company to contain, reduce and eliminate odorous emissions during cleanup activities to remove food waste. Expanded community communications, including providing information in both English and Spanish, additional signage and fenceline air monitoring were also among the conditions imposed by the Order.

On August 29, Lineage Logistics notified the agency that it had completed removal of the remaining bulk food waste from Freezer 1. Food waste from Freezer 2 had already been removed prior to the issuance of the Order. On September 5, South Coast AQMD's enforcement team confirmed that the company had completed remaining debris removal, power washing and disinfecting inside the freezer.

Following removal of the bulk food waste, odor complaints declined significantly, from over a hundred complaints per day in July to an average of fewer than five per day. Since July 12, South Coast AQMD has received more than 5,000 odor complaints and issued 39 Notices of Violation (NOVs)



for public nuisance to Lineage Logistics, with the most recent NOV issued on August 28. The NOVs are moving through the enforcement process and can carry penalties of up to \$75,000 per day, per violation, depending on various factors, including negligent or willful misconduct.

South Coast AQMD will continue to respond to complaints and to verify compliance with the Order until the agency confirms all odor mitigation efforts have been completed or are no longer required. The agency is also conducting air monitoring at Eastman Avenue Elementary and Robert Louis Stevenson Middle School, overseeing contractors' air measurements and responding to public air quality complaints.

Since the incident began on June 17, South Coast AQMD has taken extensive measures to help protect public health through specialized air monitoring, public advisories, and community outreach and support to assist residents impacted by the warehouse fire and persistent odors.

For the latest developments and updates, visit www.aqmd.gov/palos.



PORTS AGREEMENT EXPANDS COMMITMENTS TO CLEANER GOODS MOVEMENT

This summer, South Coast AQMD and the Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles strengthened their commitment to cleaner goods movement with an addendum to the landmark Cooperative Agreement approved by the South Coast AQMD Governing Board.

The addendum, approved during the August 7 Governing Board meeting and fully executed by all parties on September 10, adds three new actions, including new incentives for cleaner ships and zero-emission trucks and a \$40 million investment in regional charging infrastructure designed to accelerate emissions reductions from port-related operations.

Under the Enhanced Clean Ship Incentive Program, the Ports will revise their incentive program to help attract cleaner ocean-going vessels calling to the ports. The Zero-Emission Truck Utilization Incentive Program will provide new incentives for zero-emission truck visits at the Ports.

The Ports will also each contribute \$20 million toward regional charging and fueling infrastructure for zero-emission drayage trucks. South Coast AQMD will manage project selection, funding and implementation of the program in consultation with the Ports.

The original Cooperative Agreement, signed and executed in December 2025, established a framework for advancing zero-emission infrastructure and technologies for cargo handling equipment, harbor craft, trucks, trains and ocean-going vessels.

Similar to the original agreement, the addendum includes enforceable deadlines and financial consequences if milestones are not met. It also requires public transparency through public review of new programs, public meetings, annual reporting and program evaluations.

Beyond the Cooperative Agreement, the Ports and South Coast AQMD will continue working together to address port emissions, including evaluating cleaner marine fuels, developing a Clean Marine Fuel Pilot Project, studying nearshore vessel emissions, planning future use of clean truck funds, and projecting deployment of zero-emission terminal equipment.

To learn more about the Ports Cooperative Agreement, visit www.aqmd.gov/portsagreement.



CLEAN AIR, CLEAN SOLUTIONS: SHOWCASE AT THE STATE CAPITOL



California’s local air districts came together at the State Capitol in Sacramento this summer to showcase the innovative technologies, programs, and partnerships helping improve air quality and protect public health.

On August 3, the California Air Pollution Control Officers Association (CAPCOA) in partnership with South Coast AQMD and Assemblymember José Luis Solache hosted the first Clean Air, Clean Solutions Showcase at the California State Capitol. The free public event brought together local air quality agencies, clean technology companies, elected officials and industry partners to demonstrate how innovation is helping advance clean air solutions at the local level.

South Coast AQMD joined air districts from across the state to highlight programs and technologies designed to reduce emissions, advance environmental justice, and support a stronger, cleaner economy. The event also highlighted the critical role state funding and public-private partnerships play in accelerating the turnover of older, higher-emitting vehicles and equipment by helping businesses, public agencies, schools, and other organizations invest in cleaner technologies that improve air quality while supporting California’s economy.

The showcase featured incentive programs, educational exhibits, air monitoring demonstrations, and hands-

on activities that helped visitors learn about clean air solutions and the work of local air districts. Exhibits showcased zero-emission Class 8 heavy-duty trucks, municipal vehicles such as waste haulers and street sweepers, electric emergency response vehicles, agricultural equipment, and other advanced clean technologies.

Demonstrations of air monitoring sensors and mobile monitoring platforms showed visitors how air quality is assessed during incidents such as wildfires, industrial fires, and hazardous material releases. Educational exhibits highlighting the Community Air Protection Program (AB 617) and local efforts to improve air quality in communities disproportionately impacted by air pollution.

Visitors also learned about the role of air districts in reducing smoke impacts and supporting prescribed (beneficial) fires to reduce wildfire risk and improve forest health, as well as the Blue Whales Blue Skies partnership, which works to reduce emissions while protecting wildlife.



Interactive activities, including the Global Inheritance Clean Energy Playground and the Passport to Clean Air Challenge, encouraged visitors to explore the exhibits and learn more about clean technologies and air quality programs.



By bringing local air districts, state leaders, communities, industry partners and clean technology companies together, the Clean Air, Clean Solutions Showcase demonstrated the work underway across California to achieve cleaner air and protect public health. The event also highlighted the value of collaboration and innovation in creating cleaner, healthier communities across the state.



INVEST CLEAN EXPANDED FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH

INVEST CLEAN continues to advance clean goods movement across Southern California with new funding opportunities, workforce investments and expanded community engagement.



Two funding opportunities are currently accepting applications. The Last Mile Freight Program, implemented in partnership with the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), opened its second round of applications in July, with \$49.1 million available to support the deployment of battery-electric commercial vehicles for last-mile freight operations. The program now includes eligible Classes 4–8 vehicles, with rebates of up to \$108,000 per vehicle, depending on vehicle class. Applications are due January 11, 2027.



The Charging Infrastructure Incentive Program also reopened September 9, providing incentives to support charging infrastructure for heavy-duty goods movement vehicles. Applications will be accepted through January 13, 2027.

INVEST CLEAN is also investing in the workforce needed to support the transition to zero-emission goods movement. A Request for Proposals (RFP) seeking a third-party administrator for the INVEST CLEAN Workforce Support Program opened in August, with the application deadline extended to September 15, 2026. The program will support workforce development and training opportunities related to clean transportation technologies.



Community voices continue to help guide the program. The Public Benefits Steering Committee held its most recent meeting on August 20, providing recommendations and community input on how INVEST CLEAN can maximize benefits for residents living near goods movement corridors. Throughout the fall, the INVEST CLEAN team also participated in community outreach events to raise awareness about available funding and gather feedback on the types of clean-air and zero-emission projects residents would like to see in their neighborhoods. These conversations help inform continued outreach and implementation of the program.

For more information and the latest developments, visit InvestClean.org.

\$73 MILLION AVAILABLE FOR ZERO EMISSION TRUCKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE FOR WAREHOUSE ACTIVITIES

A new funding opportunity is now available under South Coast AQMD's WAIRE Mitigation Program to support zero emission (ZE) trucks and the electric charging or hydrogen fueling infrastructure needed to support them.

The WAIRE Mitigation Program is offering approximately \$73 million for emissions reductions at warehousing activities throughout the South Coast Air Basin, using mitigation fees collected under South Coast AQMD Rule 2305. The funding is intended to reduce nitrogen oxides (NOx) and diesel particulate matter (PM) emissions from warehouse-related activities and benefit surrounding communities. Projects will be prioritized in communities where warehouse mitigation fees were collected, helping reduce emissions in areas most affected by warehouse-related pollution. Funding is available for ZE Class 4-8 trucks, electric-charging infrastructure and hydrogen-fueling infrastructure.

Eligible applicants include warehouse and fleet operators, as well as operators of truck charging and fueling infrastructure serving warehousing activities. Incentive funds will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis to applicants who meet all program criteria. The

Grant Management System (gms.aqmd.gov) opened on September 22 for applicants to begin drafting applications. Applications may be submitted beginning October 13 at noon, with a deadline of December 15 at noon.

The WAIRE Program was established under South Coast AQMD's Warehouse Indirect Source Rule, which applies to approximately 4,000 warehouses across the region. Warehouse operators have several options for meeting WAIRE requirements, including paying mitigation fees in lieu of completing specific actions. Less than five percent of WAIRE compliance is through payment of mitigation fees, which are then all used for the WAIRE Mitigation Program.

Warehouses are major destinations for heavy-duty trucks and other emissions sources, such as cargo handling equipment. Emissions associated with warehouses produce as much smog-forming NOx as all refineries, power plants and other stationary sources in the South Coast Air Basin combined.

For more information, including how to apply, visit www.aqmd.gov/WAIRE.



POPULAR GO ZERO INCENTIVE PROGRAM EXPANDED WITH \$60 MILLION IN NEW FUNDING

South Coast AQMD's \$21 million GO ZERO Pilot Incentive Program provides rebates to help single-family homeowners, multifamily properties, and small businesses replace conventional gas or propane equipment with high-efficiency, zero-emission heat pump space and water heating technologies. Due to high demand and funding depletion, applications for single-family properties closed on September 4, 2026. The small business pilot rebate program remains open and is accepting applications.

So far, the GO ZERO pilot program has incentivized the installation of around 4,000 clean and efficient, zero-emission heat pumps to replace natural gas or propane furnaces and water heaters.

On October 2, 2026, the South Coast AQMD Governing Board approved \$60.2 million in additional funding for GO ZERO Phase 2. The expansion will provide \$20 million for both single-family and multifamily rebates, plus an additional \$20 million to be allocated to either category based on demand. At least 75 percent of single-family and multifamily rebate funding will continue to be prioritized for applicants in overburdened communities.

Phase 2 will expand rebate eligibility to include zero-emission solar water heaters, in addition to heat pump water heaters, and introduce new rebate tiers. Rebates will range from \$500 to \$1,000 for most single-family households, depending on system type and size, with higher amounts of \$1,000 to \$2,000 available in

overburdened communities. Multifamily rebates will range from \$500 to \$1,000 per unit, with a \$300,000 cap per property. The new tiers will also support smaller systems, such as mini-split and window heat pumps, and updated reservation requirements will help distribute funding across more multifamily properties.

Small businesses can still apply for rebates of \$4,000 per qualifying heat pump system. Full initial funding remains available for eligible small businesses, including independently owned and operated businesses with 100 or fewer employees, annual gross receipts of \$5 million or less, or qualifying nonprofits exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3).

GO ZERO incentives may be combined with other eligible rebates and incentives to reduce the cost of installing qualifying technologies. Qualified units installed on or after September 4, 2026 will be eligible for Phase 2 rebate funding.

Zero-emission heat pumps provide both heating and cooling and operate up to three to four times more efficiently than traditional gas systems. Replacing gas or propane equipment with electric heat pump technology can reduce energy consumption and emissions, helping improve local air quality while potentially lowering utility costs.

To learn more or apply, visit www.aqmd.gov/gozero.



EL NIÑO IMPACTS ON THE SOUTH COAST AIR BASIN

El Niño has quickly become a household name, and its effects can be felt throughout the South Coast Air Basin. From very warm temperatures and increased humidity to warmer ocean water and higher tides, El Niño can influence weather conditions across Southern California. But what could it mean for air quality?

El Niño is a weather pattern that occurs when ocean temperatures in the central and eastern Pacific become warmer than normal, influencing atmospheric circulation and weather patterns around the globe. According to the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), El Niño is strengthening and has a greater than 90% chance of becoming a very strong event during fall and winter 2026-27. *

For Southern California, one potential impact is increased rainfall during the winter. More rain can be good news for air quality because precipitation helps remove airborne particles and pollutants from the atmosphere. Storm systems can also bring stronger winds and atmospheric mixing that helps disperse accumulated pollution.

Typically, rainfall is associated with decreases in ozone and fine particulate matter (PM2.5), two pollutants that can affect public health. However, the relationship between weather and air quality is complex, and El Niño does not guarantee specific weather or air-quality conditions. Temperature, wind, rainfall and atmospheric conditions can all influence pollution levels.

Whatever El Niño brings this winter, residents can stay informed by checking local air quality before heading outdoors and signing up for air quality alerts at aqmd.gov or downloading the South Coast AQMD app.

* https://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/predictions/long_range/fxus05.html?ftag=YHF4eb9d17&utm_source



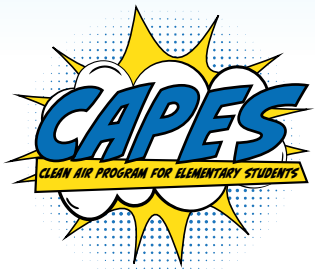
EMPOWERING THE NEXT GENERATION THROUGH AIR QUALITY EDUCATION

In an effort to inspire the next generation of clean air champions, South Coast AQMD offers two free air quality education programs for K-12 students: the Clean Air Program for Elementary Students (CAPES) and Why Healthy Air Matters (WHAM).



With the South Coast Air Basin continuing to face some of the nation's most challenging air quality issues, these programs help students understand how air pollution affects their health and environment while empowering them to be part of the solution.

Designed for different grade levels, CAPES serves elementary school students, while WHAM is available for middle and high school students. Both programs are aligned with Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) and provide educators with engaging, ready-to-use curriculum materials.



CAPES introduces elementary school students to the basics of air pollution, air quality, and the simple actions they can take to help protect the environment. Through interactive videos, lesson plans, hands-on activities, worksheets, guest speakers, and special events, students learn

how everyday choices contribute to cleaner, healthier air. The program is flexible, allowing educators to tailor lessons to their classrooms with support available upon request.



For middle and high school students, WHAM builds on those concepts with a deeper exploration of the science behind air quality and its impact on public

health. Students investigate topics such as ozone, particulate matter, emissions, and air monitoring through hands-on experiments using science kits supplied by South Coast AQMD. Participating high schools can also borrow air quality sensors that allow students to collect and analyze real-world environmental data.

WHAM also helps students connect classroom learning with academic and career pathways in environmental science, engineering, public health, and clean technology. By encouraging critical thinking and problem-solving, the program empowers students to become informed leaders who can help improve air quality in their communities.

Together, CAPES and WHAM reflect South Coast AQMD's commitment to protecting public health and improving air quality through education. By providing educators with high-quality instructional resources at no cost, both programs help cultivate environmental awareness and encourage students to make healthy, clean air choices.

For more information or to sign up:

- CAPES: Visit www.aqmd.gov/capes or contact Iliana Garcia at (909) 396-2420 or capinfo@aqmd.gov
- WHAM: Visit www.aqmd.gov/wham or contact Monika Kim at (909) 396-2342 or mkim@aqmd.gov

COMMUNITY AIR PROTECTION PROGRAM (AB 617)

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 the CERP and CAMP plans.

South Coast AQMD continues to hold quarterly meetings with CSC members and co-lead organizations to provide updates on the progress of plan implementation and continues to have discussions with consistently nominated communities in neighboring cities to expand utilization of AB 617 funds.

The AB 617 Team hosted a series of Annual Progress Report Check-in meetings, for each of the six CSCs. Community members were invited to review the annual

report, share thoughts and ask questions about the progress of their respective CERPs.

3rd Annual AB 617 Community Engagement Event

South Coast AQMD will be hosting the 3rd Annual AB 617 Community Engagement Event on Saturday, October 24, 2026 and will be livestreamed. This 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 more information on the AB 617 Program or meeting schedules, visit www.aqmd.gov/ab617.

Upcoming AB 617 Community Meetings:

- Southeast Los Angeles (SELA) – Thursday, October 1, 2026; 4-6 p.m.
- 3rd Annual AB 617 Community Engagement Event – Saturday, October 24, 2026, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- South Los Angeles (SLA) - Thursday, November 12, 2026, 4-6 p.m.

Back-To-School Tips for Clean Air

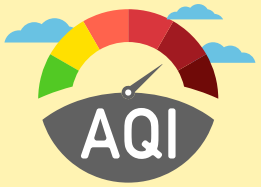
Simple steps to help students breathe cleaner air this school year.



Walk, Bike, Carpool, Ride the Bus: Choose cleaner transportation options when possible.



Don't Idle at School: Turn off your engine if you're waiting more than 10 seconds.



Play Smart Outdoors: Check the Air Quality Index (AQI) before sports and other outdoor activities.

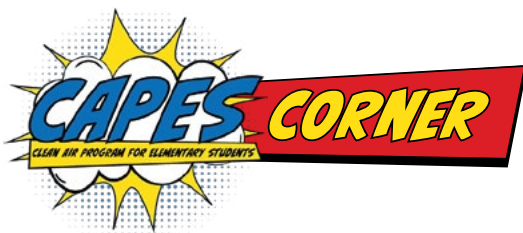


Stay in the Know: Sign up for daily air quality alerts and stay updated on local air quality conditions.



Clean air starts with everyday choices. Visit aqmd.gov to check local air quality and sign up for alerts.





CUT and PLACE

Air pollution is when the air gets dirty from things like smoke, chemicals, or tiny particles that we can't always see. When the air gets polluted, it can affect the health of people, animals, and plants. And while many things can pollute the air, there are also actions we can take to help protect the Earth and keep the air clean!

Directions: Determine whether the pictures below help keep the air clean or can cause air pollution. Once you have decided, cut out the pictures and place them on either the Clean Earth or Polluted Earth.



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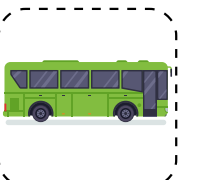
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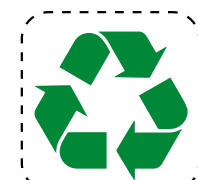
Riding a bike



Wildfires



Taking public transportation



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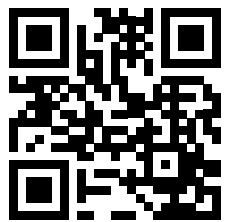
Factories/Warehouses



Using a reusable bottle



Keeping lights on



To participate in our air quality education programs geared for elementary, middle, and high school students, please email capesinfo@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.

OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
PAR 1143 – Consumer Paint Thinners and Multi-Purpose Solvents Proposed amendments will seek to phase out two toxic compounds, pCBtF and tBAC, and other amendments to improve clarity. Contact: Heather Farr at hfarr@aqmd.gov or (909) 396-3672	PAR 1106 – Marine and Pleasure Craft Coatings Proposed amendments will seek to phase out two toxic compounds, pCBtF and tBAC, as well as other amendments to improve clarity. Contact: Heather Farr at hfarr@aqmd.gov or (909) 396-3672 PAR 1180 – Fenceline and Community Air Monitoring for Petroleum Refineries and Related Facilities PAR 1180.1 – Fenceline and Community Air Monitoring for Other Refineries Proposed Amended Rules 1180 and 1180.1 will consider requirements for any facility that ceases operations. Contact: Heather Farr at hfarr@aqmd.gov or (909) 396-3672	PAR 1168 – Adhesive and Sealant Applications Proposed Amended Rule 1168 will propose amendments in light of a recent Technology Check-In regarding technology-forcing emission limits. Contact: Heather Farr at hfarr@aqmd.gov or (909) 396-3672 PR 1495 – Commodity Fumigation Proposed Rule 1495 will reduce methyl bromide and other toxic air contaminant emissions by establishing requirements for commodity fumigation operations. Contact: Michael Morris at mmorris@aqmd.gov or (909) 396-3282

HOW DOES AIR POLLUTION IN AND AROUND YOUR HOME IMPACT YOUR HEALTH?

OUTDOOR AIR POLLUTION

It's important to also be aware of the outdoor air quality near your home. Smog, PM2.5 and other pollutants can cause many different health problems. Check your outdoor air quality and plan your outdoor activities when air quality is cleaner.

- Download the South Coast AQMD smartphone app at www.aqmd.gov/mobileapp to check real-time air quality and the forecast for your area.
- Visit www.aqmd.gov/aqimap for real-time air quality and www.aqmd.gov/forecast for daily and hourly forecasts.
- Visit www.aqmd.gov/advisory to sign up for and view air quality advisories.





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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 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.

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, 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 for more information.

Rule 1403 – Asbestos Demolition and Renovation Compliance Training

- 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

- 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.

Rule 2202 - Employee Transportation Coordinator (ETC) Training

- September 8th & 10th
- October 6th & 8th
- November 3rd & 5th
- December 8th & 10th

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 **\$245.42** 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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