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Vehicle Trade-In Program Offers Newer Cleaner Transportation For Less

Southland residents can trade in their older car or pickup truck to receive between \$2,500 and \$9,500 in vouchers and incentives toward the purchase of a newer, cleaner emitting vehicle, thanks to a new pilot program offered by SCAQMD.

The “Replace Your Ride” program is designed to encourage low and moderate income residents to trade in their older, more-polluting vehicles to purchase newer, cleaner vehicles. Additional funding is provided for those interested in acquiring more fuel-efficient models such as pre-owned plug-in hybrid-electric vehicles or battery-electric vehicles. Residents can also use the vouchers to purchase mass transit passes or participate in car-sharing programs.

Vouchers are calculated based on annual income. For example, a family of four with an annual income of \$53,662.50 (which is 225% above the federal poverty level) could retire their older, less fuel-efficient vehicle and receive a voucher worth \$4,500 that can be used to purchase a 2007 or newer vehicle. Additional financial incentives of up to \$5,000 may also be applied towards the purchase of a plug-in hybrid-electric or battery-electric vehicle.

SCAQMD has funding to replace 551 to 992 vehicles now on the road, depending on the number and amount of the vouchers distributed.

The voucher program’s goal is to reduce pollution by getting high-emitting vehicles off California’s roads sooner and replacing them with cleaner, more environmentally friendly transportation options. Targeting the program to low and middle income residents is a way to ensure that they and their communities will directly benefit from the program’s clean air goal.

To learn more about the program, including when it will go into effect, or when there will be an outreach event in your area, visit ReplaceYourRide.com, email info@ReplaceYourRide.com or call 1-855-483-5107.



2016 AQMP White Papers Being Drafted



SCAQMD is developing its 2016 Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP) to demonstrate how the region will reduce air pollution to meet federal health-based standards for ground-level ozone and fine particulates (PM_{2.5}). These reductions come on top of decades of air pollution controls placed on vehicles, businesses, manufacturers and consumer products.

As part of this process, SCAQMD, in conjunction with regional stakeholders, is developing a series of ten white papers on key topics to provide for better integration of major planning issues regarding air quality, climate, energy, transportation, and business needs.

Working groups established for each white paper have been meeting periodically since June 2014. Three draft white papers have been prepared – Blueprint for Clean Air, VOC Controls and PM Controls. Based on technical information such as pollutant formation of PM_{2.5} and ozone, the VOC controls and PM controls white papers include prioritized policy recommendations that will help to shape the proposed control strategy in the 2016 AQMP. The three draft white papers, working group meeting information, and the outlines of all ten white papers are available at: aqmd.gov/home/about/groups-committees/aqmp-advisory-group/2016-aqmp-white-papers or <http://goo.gl/cqQRIZ> (case sensitive). Drafts of the remaining white papers are scheduled to be released periodically by early summer.

SAVE THE DATE!

2016 Air Quality Management Plan Control Strategy Symposium

June 10-11, 2015 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

SCAQMD Headquarters 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765

For more information, contact Michael Krause at mkrause@aqmd.gov or (909) 396-2706.

CAPCOA Reports Challenges Remain to Achieve Healthful Air

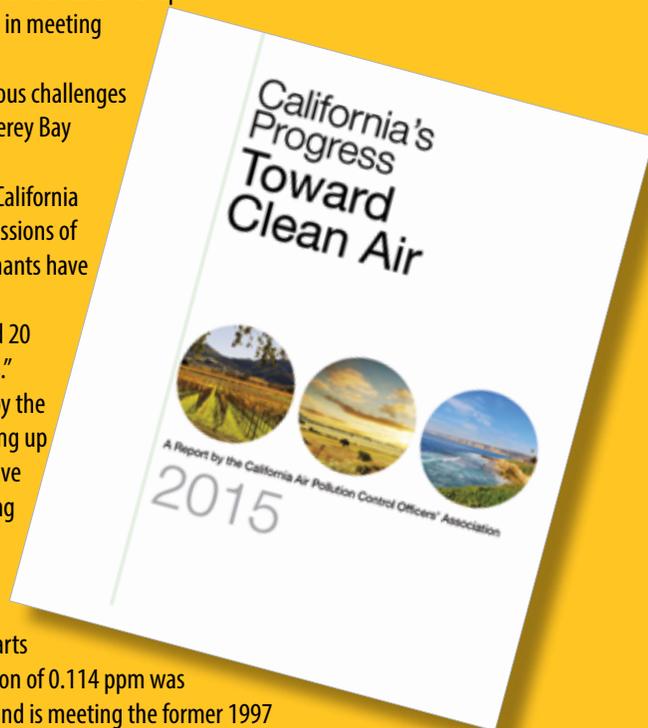
In April, the California Air Pollution Control Officers Association (CAPCOA) released its annual report, *California's Progress Toward Clean Air*, reporting air quality data and program highlights for all 35 local air districts in the state. The report demonstrates a long-term trend of air quality improvement as well as challenges that remain in meeting health-based air quality standards.

"As air quality improves, Californians are living healthier lives. However, we have some serious challenges ahead," said Richard Stedman, CAPCOA board chair and Air Pollution Control Officer for the Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District.

Since 1990, California's population has increased by 29 percent, the number of vehicles on California roads has increased by 32 percent, and the economy has grown by 83 percent, yet statewide emissions of smog-forming pollutants have decreased by over 50 percent, and emissions of toxic air contaminants have been cut by 80 percent.

According to the report, new cars and trucks emit just a small fraction of what they emitted 20 years ago "thanks to California's strong vehicle emissions requirements and motor fuel standards." However challenges still remain as the levels of PM_{2.5} across California have been exacerbated by the state's current drought; climate change is threatening to undermine the progress made in cleaning up California's air, and "ongoing medical research indicates that the health effects of air pollution have been previously underestimated." As a result, the federal government has proposed strengthening the health-based standard for ground-level ozone, which will set an even higher bar for California's smoggiest areas to meet.

In 2014 in the South Coast Air Basin, the federal ozone standard was exceeded on 94 days, the second-lowest number ever recorded. The maximum 1-hour ozone concentration of 0.142 parts per million (ppm) in 2014 was the lowest on record and the maximum 8-hour ozone concentration of 0.114 ppm was the second-lowest recorded in the South Coast Air Basin. Data since 2011 also shows the Southland is meeting the former 1997 annual PM_{2.5} federal standard of 15 micrograms per cubic meter.



New Fueling Station at SCAQMD Serves Growing Hydrogen Fuel Cell Fleet



SCAQMD dedicated its new next-generation hydrogen fueling station on March 25th at its Diamond Bar headquarters.

The station dispenses compressed hydrogen at both 5,000 PSI or 35 MPa (350Bar) and 10,000 PSI or 70 MPa (700 Bar), which will fill the tanks of an emerging fleet of zero-emission hydrogen fuel cell vehicles.

Looking and feeling similar to a traditional gas pump at a typical gas station, this hydrogen station is a major step in making available a growing number of zero-emission fueling outlets to accommodate the expected fleet of hydrogen fuel cell vehicles (FCVs) being produced by a number of major auto manufacturers.

The usual steps of getting out of your car, using your credit card, selecting the fuel button, opening the fuel cap, putting the nozzle in and squeezing the handle set, and then waiting a few minutes for a full tank of fuel are almost identical to the rituals for pumping gasoline that every Southern Californian is used to doing.

While SCAQMD's Diamond Bar station is the very first next-generation hydrogen fueling station in Southern California that takes credit cards, others are also opening across the Southland. For instance, a Union 76 station near LA/Ontario International Airport and a Shell Station in Newport Beach also feature hydrogen pumps.

For more information on the fueling station contact Lisa Mirisola at lmirasola@aqmd.gov or (909)396-2638.

May is Clean Air Month

The month of May is recognized as Clean Air Month. Promoted by the American Lung Association, Clean Air Month is designed to educate people about the effect that clean air can have on improving lives, and on the steps people can take to improve air quality.

This ties in with SCAQMD's latest short film, titled "Do One Thing," which explains that if everyone just does one thing to reduce pollution, all of these efforts combined will help improve the region's air quality.

Produced by Group 1 Productions of Temecula, the film

includes a brief historical account of the onset of air pollution and interviews with medical experts and air pollution health effects researchers. The film also includes a "selfie" section where several Southland residents share the "one thing" they are doing to help improve our air quality. Viewers are urged to make a brief "selfie" photo or video of their own efforts and post it to SCAQMD's Facebook page.

To view the film, visit aqmd.gov and scroll to the video gallery at the bottom of the home page.





Remembering The Legacy of Cesar Chavez at SCAQMD Event

On Saturday, March 28th, SCAQMD co-hosted a special event to celebrate the legacy of labor leader and civil rights activist Cesar Chavez.

Held at the University of Southern California in conjunction with the California Latino Legislative Caucus and the Cesar Chavez Foundation, the event featured remarks from state Senator Ricardo Lara, a panel of speakers discussing their personal recollections of Chavez, and a troupe of children performing a reenactment of key scenes from Chavez's life.



Master of Ceremonies Carlos Granda of ABC7 Eyewitness News began the program by explaining that Chavez was not only a crusader for civil rights but also an environmental leader with values similar to SCAQMD's mission of seeking a better, healthier, quality of life for all Southern Californians. Granda explained that Chavez's story of struggles and leadership is an important one that is carved into the history of both this state and the nation. Challenges persist as disadvantaged communities continue to face environmental justice threats, including poor air quality in the Southland as well as many other regions of the state.

The panel featured former state Assembly Member Richard Alatorre, who co-authored a key farm worker collective bargaining law, Marc Grossman, Chavez's longtime speechwriter and press secretary, and moderator Gina Montoya, an executive with the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund (MALDEF) whose parents worked closely with Chavez.

Recent Health Studies

USC Study Finds Lung Growth Improves as Air Quality Improves

A major long-term health study, published in the New England Journal of Medicine, revealed that improvements in Southern California's air quality over the past 20 years are linked to "significant improvements" in children's lung function and growth.

The University of Southern California Children's Health Study compared lung development in 2,120 children between the ages of 11 and 15 from 1994 through 2011. The study recruited participants from five of the most polluted communities in the Southland: Long Beach, Mira Loma, Riverside, San Dimas and Upland. Over the course of the study, pollution sharply declined across the Southland as levels of nitrogen dioxide were cut by one-third and fine



Prenatal Exposure Tied to Behavioral Impairment in Kids

In March, the journal JAMA Psychiatry published a study that found a connection between a common airborne pollutant and cognitive and behavioral impairment in school-age children.

A collaborative effort between the Institute for the Developing Mind at Children's Hospital Los Angeles and Columbia University's Center for Children's Environmental Health, the study examined the effects of airborne polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon (PAH), a molecule prevalent in emissions from motor vehicles, oil and coal burning, wildfires, hazardous waste sites, tobacco smoke, and foods cooked over a flame.

The research team used magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) to measure the brains of 40 youths



Study Shows Increased Exposure to Traffic-Related Pollution Tied to Worse Asthma

A new study by researchers at the University of California, Irvine (UCI) examined the effect of chronic exposure in asthmatic children living in homes near significant traffic pollution. The study showed acute worsening of asthma associated with a short-term elevation in air pollution. It is the first study to show increased sensitivity to daily air pollution exposures in asthmatic children living in homes in areas with higher levels of air pollution from



27th Annual Clean Air Awards

27th Annual Clean Air Awards Nominations Now Being Accepted

Do you know a clean air champion?
Visit CleanAirAwards.com to submit your nomination by July 1st.

A Look Back At Key Milestones in Air Quality

60 Years Ago: Highest Ozone Level Recorded in Southland

Ozone is a chief component of the smog that pollutes our air. The highest ozone level ever recorded in the Southland was on September 13, 1955. On that day, hot weather and a low inversion layer caused such dense smog that the mayor of Los Angeles ordered the Chief of Police to cooperate in enforcing the county Air Pollution Control District's emergency regulations and for the first time, LAPD officers were directed to stop residents from burning combustible waste or from operating backyard incinerators. The ozone level that day reached a record high of 0.68 parts per million (ppm). (For comparison, the highest 1-hour ozone concentration during 2014 was 0.142 ppm). The high concentration of ozone in the air caused heavy eye irritation among Southland residents, five of whom were treated for severe eye irritation. The Los Angeles County Air Pollution Control District urged residents and businesses to curtail any smog-producing activity and California Governor Goodwin Knight placed the California Disaster Committee on an alert stand-by basis. Although the smog was mostly dissipated by September 15, 1955, the City Council restricted all backyard burning with a temporary 60-day ordinance.



45 Years Ago: Earth Day, EPA and the Clean Air Act

In the year 1970 there were great strides towards a healthier environment and cleaner air. On April 22nd, 1970, millions of Americans from coast-to-coast gathered together in a massive demonstration in support of a healthier, more sustainable environment. This nationwide celebration of clean air, land and water was the first-ever Earth Day. That day had a major impact on creating public awareness of environmental pollution and paved the way for other steps toward creating a healthier environment. One of those was the establishment of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). In early July, President Richard Nixon proposed creating an autonomous agency to oversee the enforcement of environmental policy. It opened its doors on December 2, 1970. With its opening, it was prepared to implement the requirements included in the new 1970 amendments to the Clean Air Act. This law authorized the development of regulations to limit emissions from both stationary and mobile sources. The law also included new approaches to regulation such as national air quality standards and statutory deadlines for compliance that are commonplace today, but represented a significant turning point in 1970.



40 Years Ago: Catalytic Converter Regulation Enacted

Invented by French-American mechanical engineer Eugene Houdry in 1950 and made practical by a series of engineers including John Mooney and Carl Keith in 1973, the catalytic converter is a device used to convert harmful pollutants in exhaust gas into less harmful emissions. EPA regulation of exhaust emissions in 1975 standardized the "two-way" catalytic converter which converts carbon monoxide (CO) with unburned hydrocarbons (HC) to produce carbon dioxide (CO₂) and water (H₂O). However, in 1981, two-way catalytic converters were replaced with "three-way" converters to also reduce oxides of nitrogen (NO_x). Since its use was required in 1975 the modern catalytic converter has revolutionized the automotive industry.



particle pollution decreased by 47 percent.

The study showed faster lung growth in children breathing lower levels of air pollutants from 2007-2011 than those breathing higher levels from 1994-1998, proving positive effects in lung development and its association with reductions in air pollution. SCAQMD's Executive Officer, Dr. Barry Wallerstein, stated that "this study shows that our efforts to clean the air are paying dividends for children's health today as well as throughout their lifetimes."



whose PAH exposure during gestation was associated with multiple neurodevelopmental disturbances. The MRI tests revealed a loss of the brain's white matter, which correlates to slower processing of information and severe behavioral problems, including ADHD and aggression.

Postnatal PAH exposure was found to contribute to additional disturbances in development of white matter in a separate area of the brain, associated with concentration, reasoning, and judgment.



traffic, compared to asthmatic children exposed to lower levels of traffic-related pollution. Led by Ralph J.

Delfino, MD, PhD, at the UCI Department of Epidemiology, the study was funded by the California Air Resources Board and SCAQMD.

Rule Update

The following proposed amended rules and regulations are tentatively scheduled for hearings at upcoming Governing Board meetings. To verify whether scheduling changes have occurred, visit the SCAQMD website at aqmd.gov/home/library/meeting-agendas-minutes and check the Rules and Control Measure item on the Governing Board meeting agenda or call the Clerk of the Board's Office at (909) 396-2500.

Copies of SCAQMD rules and regulations can be downloaded from the website at aqmd.gov/home/regulations or obtained from SCAQMD's Public Information Center at (909) 396-2039.

June

Rule 212 – Standards for Approving Permits and Issuing Public Notice Rule

Rule 1401- New Source Review of Toxic Air Contaminants

Rule 1401.1 – Requirements for New and Relocated Facilities Near Schools

Rule 1402 - Control of Toxic Air Contaminants from Existing Sources

The Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) is updating its Air Toxics Hot Spots Program Guidance Manual for Preparation of Health Risk Assessments. The proposed amendment will address revisions to OEHHA's updated guidance. For more information, contact Susan Nakamura at snakamura@aqmd.gov or (909) 396-3105.

Rule 1148.1 – Oil and Gas Production Wells

Amendments are necessary to include enforceable mechanisms to reduce odor nuisance potential, enhance communication between the facilities and the community, and incorporate preventative and pro-active measures to improve rule effectiveness in reducing potential emissions from production wells and associated equipment. For more information, contact Naveen Berry at nberry@aqmd.gov or (909) 396-2363.

Rule 1148.2 – Notification and Reporting Requirements for Oil and Gas Wells and Chemical Suppliers

Amendments to Rule 1148.2 may be needed to extend the implementation of requirements to submit emissions reports and other necessary changes to be consistent with SB 4. For more information, contact Susan Nakamura at snakamura@aqmd.gov or (909) 396-3105.

July

Rule 219 – Equipment Not Requiring a Written Permit Pursuant to Regulation II

Amendments to Rule 219 may be proposed to exclude equipment with de minimis emissions from the requirement to obtain written permits and clarify provisions pertaining to super-compliant technologies. For more information, contact Naveen Berry at nberry@aqmd.gov or (909) 396-2363.

Rule 415 – Odors from Rendering and Inedible Kitchen Grease Processing Facilities

Proposed Rule 415 will address odors from rendering plants and inedible kitchen grease processing facilities. For more information, contact Phil Fine at pfine@aqmd.gov or (909) 396-2239.

Rule 1123 – Refinery Process Turnarounds

Proposed amendments, if needed, will implement Control Measure MSC-03 of the 2007 AQMP by establishing procedures that better quantify emission impacts from start-up, shutdown or turnaround activities. For more information, contact Naveen Berry at nberry@aqmd.gov or (909) 396-2363.

Rule 1171 – Solvent Cleaning Operations

The proposed amendments will review existing exemptions and include clarifications that may arise due to compliance verification activities or manufacturer and public input, including the sales prohibition clause. For more information, contact Naveen Berry at nberry@aqmd.gov or (909) 396-2363.

Rule 1420.2 – Emissions Standard for Lead from Metal Melting Operations

In October 2008, U.S. EPA lowered the National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) for lead from 1.5 to 0.15 ug/m3. Proposed Rule 1420.2 will establish requirements for medium lead emitting sources to ensure compliance with the lead NAAQS. For more information, contact Susan Nakamura at snakamura@aqmd.gov or (909) 396-3105.

Rule 1430.1 – Control of Toxic Air Contaminants from Grinding Operations at Forging Facilities

Proposed Rule 1430.1 will establish emission reduction requirements to control toxic emissions from grinding operations at forging facilities. For more information, contact Susan Nakamura at snakamura@aqmd.gov or (909) 396-3105.

Reg. XX – Regional Clean Air Incentives Market

Proposed amendments to Regulation XX will seek to implement a minimum contingency measure, CMB-01 of the 2012 AQMP, and possibly Phase II of the control measure if the technology assessment can be completed within the allotted time for this rulemaking. For more information, contact Joe Cassmassi at jcassmassi@aqmd.gov or (909) 396-3155.

Lawn Mower Exchange Program Underway

The 13th Annual Lawn Mower Exchange season kicks off this month in Long Beach. Southern California residents can save money and help reduce air pollution by exchanging a working gasoline-powered lawn mower for a new cordless electric mower at a deeply discounted price ranging from \$100 to \$250, depending on the model.

There will be additional exchange events in Anaheim, Riverside, Van Nuys, Ontario and Arcadia - find a location near you! To learn more and pre-register for the Electric Lawn Mower Exchange Program, visit the SCAQMD website at aqmd.gov/lawnmower or call the toll-free Lawn Mower Exchange line at 1-(888) 425-6247 (Tuesday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.).

May 9th
Veterans Stadium
Long Beach

May 23rd
Anaheim Stadium
Anaheim

May 30th
Bourns, Inc.
Riverside

June 6th
Flyaway Overflow Parking
Van Nuys

June 13th
Citizens Business Bank Arena
Ontario

June 20th
Santa Anita Parking Lot J, Gate 6
Arcadia

Seventeen New Engineers Join SCAQMD's Engineering and Compliance



CLEAN AIR People

Assistant Air Quality Engineers

Cherie Balisi

California State University, Long Beach

Bahareh Brumand

Sharif University of Technology (Iran); California State University, Long Beach

Bettina Burleigh

Rochester Institute of Technology

Chhai Chorn

University of California, Irvine

Ryan Maxwell

University of California, Irvine

Christian Aviles

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Christopher Gill

University of California, Berkeley

Maryam Hajbabaei

University of California, Riverside

Gregory "Brian" Speaks

California State Polytechnic University, Pomona

Nikki McDill

University of South Carolina

Kevin Ni

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University of California, Riverside

David Lui

University of California, Los Angeles

Wilson Wong

University of California, Irvine

Air Quality Engineers I

Mani Firouzian

California State Polytechnic University, Pomona; University of California, Irvine

Yuh Tan

University of California, Riverside

Tracy Tang

University of California, Los Angeles; California State University, Fullerton

SCAQMD recently hired seventeen air quality engineers to fill vacancies that have occurred due to retirements, promotions and employee turnover. These engineers hold bachelors and/or advanced degrees in chemical, mechanical, civil or environmental engineering, as well as other relevant degrees.

The new engineers are assigned to nine different units within the Engineering and Compliance Division: Refinery, RECLAIM (REgional CLean Air Incentives Market) Administration, Energy, Waste Management, Terminals, Small Coatings, Large Coatings, Operations and Small Mechanical.

As a result, these highly skilled professionals will be helping to process air quality permits in a more efficient manner.

The engineers bring a wide variety of backgrounds and skills to their new positions.

For instance, Bahareh Brumand, one of the new engineers, is assigned to the Refinery unit. She previously worked in the energy sector as an industrial engineering inspector and technical coordinator and served as an intern at SCAQMD in 2012. It was during that internship, she said, that she became familiar with "the environment, the sense of camaraderie, and the mission behind the work here at the District." Brumand said that she "decided right there and then" to apply to SCAQMD and "become part of a great team whose work was making a big difference to protect the health of current residents within the four counties as well as the environment."

Another new engineer is Bettina Burleigh, who is now working in the RECLAIM Administration unit. Burleigh previously worked as a Primary Systems Engineer at a nuclear power plant in upstate New York. She recently relocated to the Southland for family reasons and is happy she landed at SCAQMD. "Working at SCAQMD has been a great experience so far," she said. "I am glad that I am now a part of the common goal of improving the air quality" in Southern California.



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Rule Compliance Promotion Classes

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

- Every third Wednesday of the month. This class is held at SCAQMD's Diamond Bar Headquarters from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. There is no fee. Pre-registration is required and walk-in registrations are not allowed.

Visit aqmd.gov/home/programs/business/training-403-403-1-fugitive-dust (and click on "south coast") for class and registration information. To register e-mail dustcontrol@aqmd.gov or call toll-free 1-866-861-3878.

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

- Every third Thursday of the month. This course is held from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Coachella Valley Association of Governments, Room 115, 73-710 Fred Waring Dr., Palm Desert, CA, 92260.

There is no fee. Pre-registration is required and walk-in registrations are not allowed.

Visit aqmd.gov/home/programs/business/training-403-403-1-fugitive-dust (and click on "coachella valley") for class and registration information. To register email dustcontrol@aqmd.gov or call toll-free 1-866-861-3878.

Rule 461 – Gasoline Transfer and Dispensing Training

Daily Maintenance Inspection Class

- June 12, 2015
- November 13, 2015

The registration fee is \$147.55 per person.

Periodic Compliance Inspection Class

- June 19, 2015
- November 20, 2015

The registration fee is \$161.49 per person

Vapor Recovery System Tester Orientation Class

- June 5, 2015
- August 28, 2015
- November 6, 2015

The registration fee is \$153.52 per person

Classes meet at SCAQMD's Diamond Bar Headquarters (Room CC6) from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Check-in time is 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Pre-registration is required and walk-in registrations are not allowed.

Visit aqmd.gov/home/regulations/compliance/gasoline-dispensing2/rule-461-classes to register. Contact George Kasper at GKasper@aqmd.gov or 909-396-2378 for more information.

Rule 1403 – Asbestos Demolition and Renovation Compliance Training

- May 13, 2015
- July 8, 2015
- September 16, 2015
- November 18, 2015
- December 16, 2015

Classes are held from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at SCAQMD's Diamond Bar Headquarters (Room CC6). Registration fee is \$80.32 per person. Pre-registration is required and walk-in registrations are not allowed.

Visit aqmd.gov/home/programs/business/training-1403-asbestos-demolition or contact Jennifer De La Loza at jdelaLoza@aqmd.gov or (909) 396-2658 for additional information and to register.

Rule 2202 - Employee Transportation Coordinator (ETC) Training

- May 7, 2015, SCAQMD Headquarters, Diamond Bar
- May 21, 2015, Courtyard by Marriott, Burbank
- June 10, 2015, SCAQMD Headquarters, Diamond Bar
- June 25, 2015, Los Angeles International Airport, Los Angeles

Classes are held from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day. Enrollment is limited to 18 students. Registration fee is \$166.59 per person. Pre-registration is required and walk-in registrations are not allowed.

Visit aqmd.gov/home/programs/business/training-2202-etc for class and registration information. To register, e-mail etctraining@aqmd.gov or call (909) 396-2777.

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