

South Coast Air Quality Management District
Notice of Public Workshop and CEQA Scoping Session
Proposed Amended Rule 1134 – Emissions of Oxides of Nitrogen from
Stationary Gas Turbines

Tuesday, December 18, 2018

10:00 a.m.

SCAQMD Headquarters, Conference Room GB
21865 Copley Drive
Diamond Bar, CA 91765

Purpose of This Meeting

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) has scheduled a public workshop to solicit information and comments on Proposed Amended Rule 1134 – Emissions of Oxides of Nitrogen from Stationary Gas Turbines (PAR 1134). PAR 1134 is scheduled to be adopted at a Public Hearing before the SCAQMD Governing Board on April 5, 2019.

Proposed Amended Rule 1134 Background and Objectives

PAR 1134 is being amended to further reduce NOx emission limits from gas turbines. Amendments to Rule 1134 are needed to facilitate the transition of equipment and facilities in the NOx Regional Clean Air Incentives Market (RECLAIM) program to a command-and-control regulatory structure and to implement CMB-05, Further NOx Reductions from RECLAIM Assessment, in the 2016 Air Quality Management Plan. In addition, California State Assembly Bill 617 (AB 617), which was signed by the Governor on July 26, 2017 and affects RECLAIM facilities that are also in the California Greenhouse Gas Cap and Trade program, requires implementation of Best Available Retrofit Control Technology (BARCT) no later than December 31, 2023, with priority given to older, higher polluting units. PAR 1134 applies to RECLAIM and non-RECLAIM facilities that own or operate stationary gas turbines and will update NOx emission limits to reflect current Best Available Retrofit Control Technology (BARCT) and establish ammonia slip emission limits for gas turbines and associated duct burners. Additionally, PAR 1134 establishes provisions for monitoring, reporting, and recordkeeping, and establishes exemptions from specific provisions.

California Environmental Quality Act

PAR 1134 is considered a “project” as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). SCAQMD staff has determined that PAR 1134 contains new information of substantial importance which was not known and could not have been known at the time the March 2017 Final Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was certified for the 2016 Air Quality Management Plan (referred to herein as March 2017 Final Program EIR). Because PAR 1134 may create new potentially significant effects that were not analyzed in the March 2017 Final Program EIR, the SCAQMD, as lead agency for the proposed project, will prepare a Subsequent Environmental Assessment (SEA) with significant impacts.

In addition, PAR 1134 could have statewide, regional or areawide significance such that a CEQA Scoping Meeting is required to be held for the proposed project pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21083.9(a)(2). The CEQA Scoping Meeting is scheduled to be held in conjunction with the Public Workshop. Upon completion, a Draft SEA will be released for a 45-day public review and comment period. Comments received at the Public Workshop/CEQA Scoping

Meeting will be considered when preparing the Draft SEA and responses to those comments will be included in the Draft SEA.

Comments and suggestions regarding the CEQA analysis may be directed to:

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Available Supporting Documents

The following supporting documents are available:

- Proposed Amended Rule 1134 – Emissions of Oxides of Nitrogen from Stationary Gas Turbines; and
- Preliminary Draft Staff Report for Proposed Amended Rule 1134

To Obtain Copies of the Above Documents

Copies of the proposed amended rule and the preliminary draft staff report may be obtained from:

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The documents are also available for download from the SCAQMD website at:

<http://www.aqmd.gov/home/rules-compliance/rules/scaqmd-rule-book/proposed-rules#1134>

Submission of Documents or Comments

You are invited to attend the meeting and may also send comments, documents, or other information relevant to the proposed amended rule listed above to:

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Written comments on this rule should be submitted by January 8, 2019.