

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED ADOPTION OF, OR AMENDMENT TO, THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

RE: Proposed Amended Rule 1401 – New Source Review of Toxic Air Contaminants

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing on the matter of adoption of rules and regulations for the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD), or the amendments thereto, will be held on Friday, September 1, 2017, in the Auditorium at SCAQMD Headquarters, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA at 9:00 a.m., or later, at which time evidence will be taken and all interested persons will be heard by the SCAQMD Board.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the SCAQMD is considering amending Proposed Amended Rule 1401. The air quality objective of the proposed amendment is to update risk assessment procedures for specific source categories. Rule 1401 establishes cancer and non-cancer health risk requirements for new, relocated or modified sources of toxic air contaminants. Proposed Amended Rule 1401 will require spray booths and gasoline dispensing facilities to use the most recent version of the SCAQMD Risk Assessment Procedures for Rule 1401 and 212 (Version 8.1) which incorporates the 2015 Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) guidelines for estimating health risk, and updates to the gasoline dispensing emission factors and speciation profiles. The proposed amended rule will also update the list of applicable toxic air contaminants based on updates from OEHHA.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Proposed Amended Rule 1401 – New Source Review of Toxic Air Contaminants, will not be submitted for inclusion into the State Implementation Plan.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a written analysis pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 40727.2 has been prepared that identifies all existing state and federal air pollution control requirements, all SCAQMD existing and proposed rules and regulations, and all pollution control requirements that apply to the same equipment or source type as the rule amendments proposed for adoption.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the SCAQMD staff has reviewed the proposed project pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15002 (k) – General Concepts, the three-step process for deciding which document to prepare for a project subject to CEQA and CEQA Guidelines §15061 – Review for Exemption, procedures for determining if a project is exempt from CEQA and has determined that the proposed amendments to Rule 1401 are exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines § 15061 (b)(3) – Activities Covered by General Rule. A Notice of Exemption (NOE) will be prepared pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15062, and if the project is approved, the NOE will be filed with the county clerks of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino counties.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the SCAQMD has prepared documents for consideration by the SCAQMD Board, including:

Proposed Amended Rule 1401
Staff Report for Proposed Amended Rule 1401

Socioeconomic Assessment for Proposed Amended Rule 1401, included in the Staff Report
Comparative Analysis for Proposed Amended Rule 1401, included in the Staff Report

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the above documents are available and may be obtained from the SCAQMD Public Information Center located in the SCAQMD headquarters lobby, or SCAQMD's publication request line at (909) 396-2039 or from: Fabian Wesson – Assistant Deputy Executive Officer/Public Advisor, SCAQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765, (909) 396-2432, PICrequests@aqmd.gov.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that at the conclusion of the public hearing, the SCAQMD Board may make other modifications to Proposed Amended Rule 1401, which are justified by the evidence presented, or may decline to adopt it.

Questions, comments or requests for clarification regarding Proposed Amended Rule 1401 should be directed to Kalam Cheung, Planning, Rule Development and Area Sources, SCAQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765, kcheung@aqmd.gov, (909) 396-3281. All CEQA inquiries should be directed to Sam Wang, CEQA Section, Planning, Rule Development and Area Sources, SCAQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765, swang1@aqmd.gov or by calling (909) 396-2649. All inquiries regarding the Socioeconomic Assessment should be directed to Shah Dabirian, Socioeconomic Section, Planning, Rule Development and Area Sources, SCAQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765, sdabirian@aqmd.gov, (909) 396-3076.

Interested persons may attend and submit oral or written statements at the Board Hearing. Twenty-five (25) copies of all written materials must be submitted to the Clerk of the Board. Individuals who wish to submit written comments for review prior to the hearing must submit such comments to the Clerk of the Board, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA, 91765-4178, (909) 396-2500, or to cob@aqmd.gov on or before Tuesday, August 22, 2017. Electronic submittals will only be accepted if no more than 10 pages including attachments; and in MS Word, plain, or HTML format.

DATED: July 26, 2017

DENISE GARZARO
Clerk of the Boards