

South Coast Air Quality Management District
Notice of Public Workshop

Proposed Amended Rule 223 – Emission Reduction Permits for Large Confined Animal Facilities

March 26, 2025
2:00 p.m.

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The Public Workshop will be conducted via video conferencing (Zoom) which can be accessed via your computer or smart phone. Alternatively, stakeholders can phone in to participate. We understand that this is not the same as an in-person public meeting; however, staff will take the time to listen to comments from all stakeholders. You are invited to attend the meeting electronically through Zoom or the phone. Instructions on how to participate can be found at the top of this notice.

Purpose of This Meeting

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) has scheduled a Public Workshop to present and solicit information and suggestions from the public on Proposed Amended Rule 223 – Emission Reduction Permits for Large Confined Animal Facilities (PAR 223), which is scheduled for a Public Hearing before the South Coast AQMD Governing Board on June 6, 2025 (subject to change).

Background

Rule 223 – Emission Reduction Permits for Large Confined Animal Facilities was adopted in 2006 and requires Large Confined Animal Facilities (LCAFs) to obtain an air permit and implement mitigation measures to reduce ammonia and VOC emissions from their facilities. Ammonia emissions from livestock operations contribute to the formation of particulate matter with a diameter of 2.5 micrometers or less (PM2.5) in the air. Because the South Coast Air Basin did not meet the 2012 Annual PM2.5 National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS), additional reductions of PM2.5 and its precursors are needed.

Objective of PAR 223

PAR 223 was developed to comply with federal Clean Air Act requirements and to implement a control measure (BCM-08 – Emissions Reductions from Livestock Waste at Confined Animal Facilities) from the South Coast Air Basin Attainment Plan for the 2012 Annual PM2.5 Standard, by aligning the rule applicability to other air districts in California. PAR 223 will lower certain applicability thresholds for LCAFs, requiring more facilities to obtain permits and implement mitigation measures. Other updates such as clarifications and removing outdated provisions may also be included. The objective of PAR 223 is to reduce ammonia emissions, a precursor to PM2.5, from these additional livestock facilities.

California Environmental Quality Act

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and South Coast AQMD’s certified regulatory program (Public Resources Code Section 21080.5, CEQA Guidelines Section 15251(l) and South Coast AQMD Rule 110), the South Coast AQMD, as lead agency, is currently reviewing the proposed project (PAR 223) to determine if it will result in any potential adverse environmental impacts. Appropriate CEQA documentation will be prepared based on the analysis.

Available Supporting Documents

The following supporting documents will be made available on or before March 21, 2025:

- Preliminary Draft of PAR 223; and
- Preliminary Draft Staff Report for PAR 223

To Obtain Copies of the Above Documents

Copies of the Preliminary Draft of PAR 223 and the Preliminary Draft Staff Report may be obtained from:

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The documents will also be available for download from the South Coast AQMD website at:

<https://www.aqmd.gov/home/rules-compliance/rules/scaqmd-rule-book/proposed-rules/rule-223>

Americans with Disabilities Act and Language Accessibility

Disability and language-related accommodations can be requested to allow participation in the public workshop. The agenda will be made available, upon request, in appropriate alternative formats to assist persons with a disability (Gov't Code Section 54954.2(a)). In addition, other documents may be requested in alternative formats and languages. Any disability or language related accommodation must be requested as soon as practicable. Requests will be accommodated, unless providing the accommodation would result in a fundamental alteration or undue burden to the South Coast AQMD. Please contact Kalam Cheung at (909) 396-3281 from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, or send the request to kcheung@aqmd.gov.

Key Contacts for Submitting Questions and Comments

Attendees are invited to ask questions and make comments during the Public Workshop. Questions, comments, documents, studies, reports, or other relevant information may also be directed to:

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Staff requests written comments on PAR 223 be submitted no later than **April 9, 2025**.