



Notice of Public Workshop and CEQA Scoping Meeting

PROPOSED RULE 4001 - MAINTENANCE OF AQMP EMISSION REDUCTION TARGETS AT COMMERCIAL MARINE PORTS

December 17, 2013
6:30 p.m.
Banning's Landing
100 East Water Street
Wilmington, CA 90744

Purpose of the Meeting

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) has scheduled a Public Workshop and CEQA Scoping Meeting to solicit input and comments from the public regarding **Proposed Rule 4001 – Maintenance of AQMP Emission Reduction Targets at Commercial Marine Ports.**

The purpose of the proposed rule is to establish actions to be taken in the event that emissions from port-related sources (specifically, on-road heavy-duty trucks, locomotives, ocean-going vessels, commercial harbor craft, and cargo handling equipment) do not meet the emission targets assumed in the Final 2012 Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP) for the purpose of meeting and maintaining the federal 24-hr PM2.5 standard. The proposed rule is tentatively scheduled for an April 4, 2014 Public Hearing and rule adoption.

Air Quality Objective

Adoption of the proposed rule will provide a process to ensure that expected emission reductions of oxides of nitrogen (NOx), fine particulate matter (PM 2.5), and sulfur oxide (SOx) from port-related sources provided in the Final 2012 AQMP are achieved and maintained.

Summary of Proposed Rule

The following is a summary of PR 4001:

- Applicability to the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach (Ports).

- Provisions for the Ports to report emissions of NOx, SOx, and PM2.5 on an annual basis.
- PR 4001 backstop requirement becomes effective only if the emissions from port-related sources do not achieve and maintain the emission reduction targets assumed in the Final 2012 AQMP.
- The NOx, SOx, and PM2.5 emissions are converted to a “PM2.5 equivalent” value and the percent reduction in PM2.5 equivalent emissions from the 2008 baseline emissions in the Final 2012 AQMP is compared to a reduction target of 75 percent.
- If the percent reduction meets or exceeds the 75 percent reduction target, the Ports will have no additional obligations under the proposed rule.
- If the percent reduction is less than the 75 percent reduction target, the Ports will be required to submit an Emission Reduction Plan to address the emission reduction shortfall.
- The Ports would be required to propose control strategies in the Emission Reduction Plan to eliminate the shortfall. The control strategies would be implemented within 18 months of the plan approval.
- PR 4001 would not require any strategy the Ports lack legal authority or is not cost-effective as defined in the rule.
- If an Emission Reduction Plan is submitted, the SCAQMD will approve or disapprove the plan, in whole or in part, based on the requirements set forth in the rule.

Submission of Documents or Comments

The public is requested to send documents, studies, data, reports, comments or other information relevant to the development of Proposed Rule 4001 no later than January 31, 2014 to:

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California Environmental Quality Act

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and SCAQMD's Certified Regulatory Program (Rule 110), the SCAQMD has prepared a Recirculated Notice of Preparation/Initial Study (NOP/IS) for the proposed adoption of Rule 4001.

The Recirculated NOP/IS serves two purposes: 1) to solicit information on the scope of the environmental analysis for the proposed project; and, 2) to notify the public that the SCAQMD will prepare a Draft Program Environmental Assessment (PEA) to further assess potential environmental impacts that may result from implementing the proposed project. The proposed project may have statewide, regional or areawide significance; therefore, a CEQA scoping meeting is required [pursuant to Public Resources Code §21083.9 (a)(2)]. The Public Workshop will serve as a CEQA Scoping Meeting for the proposed actions.

The Recirculated NOP/IS was released for a public review and comment period on November 26, 2013 and is available online (www.aqmd.gov/ceqa/aqmd.html). Written comments relative to the Recirculated NOP/IS must be received by 5:00 p.m. on January 2, 2014. Responses to written comments received relative to the Recirculated NOP/IS will be prepared and incorporated into the Draft PEA that will be subsequently prepared and circulated for a 45-day public review and comment period.

Submission of Comments Regarding the CEQA Analysis Should Be Directed to:

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Available Supporting Documents

Copies of the following supporting documents are available:

- Proposed Rule 4001
- Preliminary Draft Staff Report
- Recirculated Notice of Preparation/Initial Study

To Obtain Hardcopies of the Above Referenced Documents Please Contact:

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