

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

PROPOSED ADOPTION OF, OR AMENDMENT TO,
THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT
DISTRICT AND PROPOSED SUBMISSION INTO THE STATE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

RE: Proposed Amended Regulation XIII – New Source Review, Regulation XX – Regional Clean Air Incentives Market, and Regulation XXX – Title V Permits and Proposed Amended Rule 1146 – Emissions of Oxides of Nitrogen from Industrial, Institutional, and Commercial Boilers, Steam Generators, and Process Heaters

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Public Hearings on the matters of adoption of rules and regulations for the South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD), or the amendments thereto, will be held on Friday, **December 4, 2020** at 9:00 a.m., at which time evidence will be taken and all interested persons will be heard by the South Coast AQMD Governing Board. Given the health and safety concerns regarding the coronavirus (COVID-19), this meeting will be conducted via webcast with opportunities for public comment. Please refer to the instructions on the South Coast AQMD's website for details on how to participate: <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/news-events/meeting-agendas-minutes>.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the South Coast AQMD is considering the adoption of Proposed Amended Regulations XIII, XX, and XXX to reflect the reclassification of Coachella Valley from Severe to Extreme for the 1997 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard. The objective of Proposed Amended Regulations XIII, XX, and XXX is to lower the Major Polluting Facility and Major Modification thresholds for VOC or NO_x emissions, which are precursors to ozone. Additional proposed amendments remove outdated provisions, correct references, and improve clarity.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the South Coast AQMD is considering the adoption of Proposed Amended Rule 1146 with the objective to remove the ammonia concentration limit of 5 ppm for new and modified pollution controls to prevent conflicts with implementing Regulation XIII - New Source Review.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Proposed Amended Regulations XIII, XX, and XXX, and Proposed Amended Rule 1146 will be submitted to the California Air Resources Board and the United States Environmental Protection Agency for inclusion into the State Implementation Plan.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Proposed Amended Regulations XIII, XX, and XXX and Proposed Amended Rule 1146 implement sections 172, 173, and 182(e) of the Clean Air Act and section 40440(c) of the California Health and Safety Code.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a written analysis pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 40727.2 has been prepared that identifies all existing federal air pollution control requirements, all South Coast AQMD existing and proposed rules and regulations, and all pollution control requirements and guidelines that apply to the same equipment or source type as Proposed Amended Regulations XIII, XX, and XXX.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Proposed Amended Rule 1146 does not impose a new emission limit or standard, make an existing emission limit or standard more stringent, or impose new or more stringent monitoring, reporting, or recordkeeping requirements and therefore, a comparative analysis pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 40727.2 is not required.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Sections 15002(k) and 15061, Proposed Amended Regulations XIII, XX, and XXX and Proposed Amended Rule 1146 are exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3). Proposed Amended Regulations XIII, XX, and XXX are also exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15308 and there is no substantial evidence indicating that any of the exceptions in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 apply to Proposed Amended Regulations XIII, XX, and XXX. Notices of Exemption will be prepared pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15062, and if the proposed projects are approved, the Notices of Exemption will be filed for posting with the State Clearinghouse of the Governor's Office of Planning and Research.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the South Coast AQMD staff has prepared the following documents relevant to the proposed amended regulations and rule, including:

- Proposed Amended Regulations XIII, XX and XXX
- Staff Report for Proposed Amended Regulations XIII, XX, and XXX
- Comparative Analysis for Proposed Amended Regulations XIII, XX, and XXX, included in the Staff Report
- Proposed Amended Rule 1146
- Board Letter (serves as Staff Report) for Proposed Amended Rule 1146

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the above documents are available and may be obtained from the South Coast website at <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/regulations/rules/proposed-rules>, or by calling the South Coast AQMD's Public Information Center at (909) 396-2001, or from: Mr. Derrick Alatorre - Deputy Executive Officer/Public Advisor, South Coast AQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765, (909) 396-2432, dalatorre@aqmd.gov.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that at the conclusion of the public hearings, consistent with Health and Safety Code Section 40726, the South Coast AQMD Board may make other modifications to Proposed Amended Regulations XIII, XX, and XXX and Proposed Amended Rule 1146, which are justified by the evidence presented, or may decline to adopt it.

Questions or comments regarding Proposed Amended Regulations XIII, XX, and XXX and Proposed Amended Rule 1146 can be directed to Susan Nakamura, Planning, Rule Development and Area Sources, South Coast AQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765, snakamura@aqmd.gov, (909) 396-3105. All CEQA inquiries can be directed to Barbara Radlein, CEQA Section, Planning, Rule Development and Area Sources, South Coast AQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765, bradlein@aqmd.gov, (909) 396-2716.

Interested persons may provide oral statements at the Public Hearings. Individuals who wish to submit written or electronic comments 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 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 1, 2020.

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DATED: October 28, 2020

FAYE THOMAS
Clerk of the Board