PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO RULE 2001 AND RULE 2015

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Background – RECLAIM

- RECLAIM is a market based program that controls emissions from larger emitting facilities on an aggregate basis using an allocation of RECLAIM Trading Credits (RTCs)
- The December 2015 amendment to RECLAIM requires a 12 ton per day (tpd) NOx RTC reduction ending in 2022
- Control Measure CMB-05 of the 2016 Air Quality Management Plan committed to an additional 5 tpd of NOx reduction by 2025 and included actions to transition RECLAIM to command-and-control
- Additionally, AB 617 requires that RECLAIM facilities implement BARCT by December 31, 2023

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Rule 2001 – Regulatory Background

- October 2018 amendments to Rule 2001 revised the criteria for facilities to be eligible to exit and added an opt out provision
 - Facilities could request to opt out and would receive an initial determination notification if they met the criteria to exit

Rule 2015 – Regulatory Background

- Rule 2015 contains backstop provisions for the RECLAIM program if actual emissions exceed the allocations by 5% or more
 - Backstop provisions focus on modifications to the RECLAIM program to prevent future exceedances
- Rule 2015 also includes provisions for an annual audit report each March

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Discussions with Stakeholders and U.S. EPA

- U.S. EPA is recommending that all facilities remain in RECLAIM until all rules pertaining to the transition are State Implementation Plan approved
- Stakeholders have also raised concerns about impacts on the RECLAIM market from exiting facilities
- Amendments to Rules 2001 and 2015 are needed to:
 - Restrict facilities from exiting RECLAIM
 - Modify backstop provisions to acknowledge the development of command-and-control rules



Proposed Amendments to Rule 2001

- PAR 2001 would remove the opt out provisions to restrict facilities from exiting RECLAIM and clarify that no facility may exit the RECLAIM program
 - Facilities that have received initial determination notifications will be notified that they will not exit RECLAIM
- Subsequent amendments to Rule 2001 will be necessary to allow facilities to exit RECLAIM after all rules relating to the transition are State Implementation Plan approved
 - NSR and applicable command-and-control rules

Facilities Remaining in RECLAIM

- Facilities are required to comply with all RECLAIM requirements including Rule 2005 – New Source Review for RECLAIM, for permitting new and modified sources
- Facilities that do not have any NOx or SOx sources located at the facility may become exempt from reporting requirements
 - Pursuant to Rule 2004 (b)(6), facilities must submit an application for an amended permit and demonstrate that no NOx or SOx sources are at the facility
 - If exempt, Annual Permit Emission Program (APEP) and Quarterly Certification of Emissions (QCER) reports are no longer required

Proposed Amendments to Rule 2015

- The 12 ton per day (tpd) shave in ending in 2022 results in a remaining allocation of 14.5 tpd
- PAR 2015 would provide an alternative backstop if emissions exceed the allocation by 5% or greater in an annual period
 - The Executive Officer would make a demonstration to the Governing Board that emissions will be below the 14.5 tpd threshold by December 31, 2023 through the implementation of command-and-control rules
- Rule 2015 requires annual RECLAIM audits to be presented to the Board every March
 - PAR 2015 would change the reporting month from March to April to allow Engineering and Permitting additional time to compile the report



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