# **APPENDIX D:**

RESPONSE TO COMMENTS SENT TO BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

AS OF MARCH 20, 2025 (CLOSE OF COMMENT PERIOD)

#### COMMENTS RECEIVED BEFORE MARCH 20, 2025 COMMENT LETTERS

Stakeholders have been submitting letters to the Governing Board and Stationary Source Committee Members since September 2024. This appendix contains those letters listed in the tables below that were received by March 20, 2025, the end of comment period. Staff summarized the general characterizations of the comments and provided responses.

#### **COMMENT LETTERS SUPPORTING PAR 1111 AND PAR 1121**

The following comments supported the original rule concept and maintained support for the new rule concept that sets manufacturer sales targets and mitigation fees. Many of the letters request to strengthen the rule requirements with higher mitigation fees and higher zero-NOx emission sales targets and support and urge no delay on rule adoption. Staff responses to the key points from those comment letters are included in a later section of this appendix.

Table Appendix D-1 – Support Letters Received before March 20, 2025

	Date Received	Commentor Name	Representing	Category	# of Letters	Link
1	10/30/2024	Andrea Vidaurre, Charles Miller, David Diaz MPH, Tomas Castro, Lisa Swanson, Christopher Chavez, Christy Zamani, Fernando Gaytan, Jorge Rivera, Charlotte Matthews, Sharon Ungersma, Kim Orbe, Sam Fishman, Stuart Wood PhD,	The People's Collective for Environmental Justice, Los Angeles Climate Reality Project, Active San Gabriel Valley, Climate Action Campaign, Climate Reality Project Orange County Chapter, Coalition for Clean Air,	Env. Group		https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/rule-book/Proposed-Rules/1111-and-1121/comment-letter-from-coalition-20241030.pdf

	Date Received	Commentor Name	Representing	Category	# of Letters	Link
		Ben Stapleton	Day One, Earthjustice, Healing and Justice Center, RMI, San Fernando Valley Climate Reality Project, Sierra Club Los Angeles Chapter, SPUR, Sustainable Claremont, USGBC California)			
2	10/31/2024	Brendan Brown	Green & Healthy Homes Initiative	Env. Group	1	https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/rule-book/Proposed-Rules/1111-and-1121/comment-letter-from-green-and-healthy-homes-initiatives-20241031.pdf
3	12/18/2024	Christopher Chavez, Charlotte Matthews	Coalition for Clean Air, RMI	Env. Group	1	https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/rule-book/Proposed-Rules/1111-and-1121/comment-letter-from-coalition-202412187dd0ecefc2b66f27bf6fff00004a91a9.pdf
4	1/9/2025	Fernando Gaytan, David Diaz, Jane Williams, Robina Suwol, Christopher Chavez, Elizabeth Reid- Wainscoat,	Earthjustice, Active San Gabriel Valley, California Communities Against Toxics,	Env. Group	1	https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/rule-book/Proposed-Rules/1111-and-1121/comment-letter-from-coalition-20250109.pdf

Date Receive		Representing	Category	# of	Link
	Name			Letters	
	Ana Gonzalez,	California			
	David Martinez,	Safe Schools,			
	Lisa Swanson,	Coalition for			
	Jesse Marquez,	Clean Air,			
	Laura Gracia-	Center for			
	Santiago,	Biological			
	Charles Miller,	Diversity,			
	Eli Lipmen,	Center for			
	Hilary	Community Action &			
	Firestone,	Environmental			
	Christhian	Justice,			
	Tapia-Delgado,	OC Policy			
	Peter M.	Advocate			
	Warren,	Climate			
	Sharon	Action			
	Ungersma,	Campaign,			
	Kimberly Orbe,	Climate			
	Anne Pernick,	Reality			
	Sam Fishman,	Project			
	Ben Stapleton,	Orange			
	Theral Golden	Chantan			
		Chapter,			
		Coalition For A Safe			
		Environment,			
		Communities			
		for a Better			
		Environment,			
		Los Angeles			
		Climate			
		Reality			
		Project,			
		MoveLA,			
		Natural			
		Resources			

	Date Received	Commentor Name	Representing	Category	# of Letters	Link
			Defense Council, Pacific Environment, San Pedro & Peninsula Homeowners Coalition, San Fernando Valley Climate Reality Project, Sierra Club, SAFE Cities at Stand.earth, SPUR, USGBC California, West Long Beach Association			
5	1/15/2025	John M. Erickson	City of West Hollywood	City/County	1	https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/rule-book/Proposed-Rules/1111-and-1121/comment-letter-from-city-of-west-hollywood-20250117.pdf
6	1/30/2025	Gracyna Mohabir	California Environmental Voters	Env. Group	1	https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/rule-book/Proposed-Rules/1111-and-1121/comment-letter-from-california-environmental-voters-20250130.pdf
7	1/30/2025	Adrian Martinez	EarthJustice	Env. Group	1	https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/rule-book/Proposed-Rules/1111-and-1121/comment-letter-from-earthjustice-20250130.pdf

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8	2/6/2025	Jorge Rivera	Healing and Justice Center	Env. Group	1	https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/rule-book/Proposed-Rules/1111-and-1121/comment-letter-from-healing-and-justice-center-20250206.pdf
9	2/6/2025	Chris Chavez	Coalition for Clean Air	Env. Group	1	https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/rule-book/Proposed-Rules/1111-and-1121/comment-letter-from-coalition-for-clean-air-20250206.pdf
10	2/7/2025	Ashley Mercado	Day One	Other	1	https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/rule-book/Proposed-Rules/1111-and-1121/comment-letter-from-day-one-20250207.pdf
11	2/11/2025	Jane Williams	California Communities Against Toxics	Env. Group	1	https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/rule-book/Proposed-Rules/1111-and-1121/comment-letter-from-california-communities-against-toxics-20250211.pdf
12	2/13/2025	Shreyas Sudhakar	Vayu	Business	1	http://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/rule-book/Proposed-Rules/1111-and-1121/comment-letter-from-shreyas-sudhakar-20250213.pdf
13	2/13/2025	Nathan Taft	Stand.earth	Env. Group	1	http://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/rule- book/Proposed-Rules/1111-and-1121/comment- letter-from-stand-earth-20250213.pdf
14	2/7/2025	Various	Self	Resident	31	http://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/rule-book/Proposed-Rules/1111-and-1121/comment-letter-from-various-20250207.pdf
15	2/11/2025	Isabella Ford	Self	Resident	1	https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/rule-book/proposed-rules/1111-and-1121/comment-letter-from-isabella-ford-20250211.pdf?sfvrsn=c31f9f61_3
16	2/18/2025	Robina Suwol	California Safe Schools	Other	1	https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/rule-book/Proposed-Rules/1111-and-1121/comment-letter-from-california-safe-schools-20250218.pdf
17	2/19/2025	Fernando Gaytan, Adrian Martinez	EarthJustice	Env. Group	1	https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/rule-book/Proposed-Rules/1111-and-1121/comment-letter-from-earthjustice-20250219.pdf

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18	2/19/2025	Sherry Lear, Alan Weiner, Jack Eidt, Cheryl Auger, Anita Ghazarian, Bill Sive, Dave Shukla, Chris Peck, Regina Banks, Jennifer Tanner, Ruth Richardson, David J Marrett, Phil Glosserman	350 Southland Legislative Alliance, 350 South Bay Los Angeles, 350 Conejo / San Fernando Valley, SoCal 350 Climate Action, Ban SUP, Indivisible Alta Pasadena, Pink Panthers, Long Beach Alliance for Clean Energy, Urban Ecology Project, Lutheran Office of Public Policy, Indivisible Ca Green Team, Rooted in Resistance (Indivisible), Climate Reality Project Riverside County Chapter, Third	Env. Group	1	https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/rule-book/Proposed-Rules/1111-and-1121/comment-letter-from-coalition-20250219.pdf

	Date Received	Commentor Name	Representing	Category	# of Letters	Link
			Act SoCal Chapter			
19	2/14/2025	Various	Self	Resident	755	https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/rule-book/Proposed-Rules/1111-and-1121/comment-letter-from-various-20250218.pdf
20	2/19/2025	Elise Kalfayan	Glendale Environmental Coalition	Env. Group	1	https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/rule-book/Proposed-Rules/1111-and-1121/comment-letter-from-glendale-environmental-coalition-20250219.pdf
21	2/20/2025	Charles Miller	Los Angeles Climate Reality Project	Env. Group	1	https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/rule-book/Proposed-Rules/1111-and-1121/comment-letter-from-los-angeles-climate-reality-project-20250220.pdf
22	2/20/2025	Eli Lipmen	Move LA	Env. Group	1	https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/rule-book/Proposed-Rules/1111-and-1121/comment-letter-from-move-la-20250220.pdf
23	2/20/2025	Maggie Tsai	Asian Pacific Environmental Network	Env. Group	1	https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/rule-book/Proposed-Rules/1111-and-1121/comment-letter-from-apen-20250220.pdf
24	2/20/2025	Tori Kjer	Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust	Env. Group	1	https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/rule-book/Proposed-Rules/1111-and-1121/comment-letter-from-los-angeles-neighborhood-land-trust-20250220.pdf
25	2/20/2025	Teto (Hector) Huezo	Jobs to Move America	Env. Group	1	https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/rule-book/Proposed-Rules/1111-and-1121/comment-letter-from-jobs-to-move-america-20250220.pdf
26	2/20/2025	Tony Sirna	Evergreen Action	Env. Group	1	https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/rule-book/Proposed-Rules/1111-and-1121/comment-letter-from-evergreen-action-20250220.pdf

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27	2/20/2025	David Diaz	ActiveSGV	Env. Group	1	https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/rule-book/Proposed-Rules/1111-and-1121/comment-letter-from-activesgv-20250220.pdf
28	2/20/2025	Andrew McNamara	Carbon Zero Buildings	Business	1	https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/rule-book/Proposed-Rules/1111-and-1121/comment-letter-from-carbon-zero-buildings-20250220.pdf
29	2/20/2025	Marven E. Norman	Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice	Env. Group	1	https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/rule-book/Proposed-Rules/1111-and-1121/comment-letter-from-center-for-community-action-and-environmental-justice-20250220.pdf
30	2/20/2025	Michelle Kim	Shared Streets	Env. Group	1	https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/rule-book/Proposed-Rules/1111-and-1121/comment-letter-from-shared-streets-20250220.pdf
31	2/21/2025	Cristhian Tapia- Delgado	Pacific Environment	Env. Group	1	https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/rule-book/Proposed-Rules/1111-and-1121/comment-letter-from-pacific-environment-20250221.pdf
32	2/20/2025	David Levitus	LA Forward Institute	Env. Group	1	https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/rule-book/Proposed-Rules/1111-and-1121/comment-letter-from-lafi-20250220.pdf
33	2/19/2025	Various	Self	Resident	307	https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/rule-book/Proposed-Rules/1111-and-1121/comment-letter-from-various-20250304.pdf
34	2/28/2025	Alex Arellano	Everybody's Long Beach	Other	1	https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/rule-book/Proposed-Rules/1111-and-1121/comment-letter-from-everybodys-long-beach-20250228.pdf
35	2/21/2025	Josh Lowenthal	California's 69th Assembly District	Other	1	https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/rule-book/Proposed-Rules/1111-and-1121/comment-letter-from-asm-lowenthal-20250221.pdf

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36	3/6/2025	Stuart Wood	Sustainable Claremont	Env. Group	1	https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/rule-book/Proposed-Rules/1111-and-1121/comment-letter-from-sustainable-claremont-20250306.pdf
37	2/19/2025	Various	Self	Resident	312	https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/rule-book/Proposed-Rules/1111-and-1121/comment-letter-from-various-20250307.pdf
38	2/14/2025	Claire Broome	Self	Resident	1	https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/rule-book/Proposed-Rules/1111-and-1121/comment-letter-from-claire-broome-20250214.pdf
39	3/3/2025	Don Weiden	Self	Resident	1	https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/rule-book/proposed-rules/1111-and-1121/don-weiden-support-march-3-2025.pdf?sfvrsn=be6c9f61_2
40	3/5/2025	Brenden Kalfus	City of Temecula	City/County	1	https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/rule-book/Proposed-Rules/1111-and-1121/comment-letter-from-city-of-temecula-20250305.pdf
41	3/13/2025	John M. Erickson (West Hollywood Mayor), Elizabeth Alcantar Loza (Cudahy Mayor), Freddy Puza (Culver City Vice Mayor), Denise Davis (Redlands City Council Member), Jessie Lopaz (Santa Ana Councilwoman), Juan Munoz- Guevara (City of Lynwood	Elected Officials	City/ County	1	https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/rule-book/Proposed-Rules/1111-and-1121/comment-letter-from-elected-group-20250313.pdf

	Date Received	Commentor Name	Representing	Category	# of Letters	Link
		Council Member), Susan Sonne (Buena Park Council Member), Yasmine-Imani McMorrin (Culver City Council Member)				
42	3/18/2025	Pete Marsh	Self	Resident	1	https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/rule-book/Proposed-Rules/1111-and-1121/comment-letter-from-pete-marsh-20250318.pdf
43	3/18/2025	Ciara Morning Star Belardes	Sacred Places Institute for Indigenous Peoples	Env. Group	1	https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/rule-book/Proposed-Rules/1111-and-1121/comment-letter-from-sacred-places-institute-20250318.pdf
44	3/19/2025	David Martinez	Climate Action Campaign	Env. Group	1	https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/rule-book/Proposed-Rules/1111-and-1121/comment-letter-from-climate-action-campaign-20250319.pdf
45	3/20/2025	Amy Luna Capelle	Women for American Values and Ethics	Other	1	https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/rule-book/Proposed-Rules/1111-and-1121/comment-letter-from-wave-20250320.pdf
46	3/20/2025	Tiffany Lwin	Sunrise Movement Orange County	Other	1	https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/rule-book/Proposed-Rules/1111-and-1121/comment-letter-from-sunrise-movement-orange-county-20250320.pdf
47	3/20/2025	Craig Perkins	The Energy Coalition	Env. Group	1	https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/rule-book/Proposed-Rules/1111-and-1121/comment-letter-from-the-energy-coalition-20250320.pdf

	Date Received	Commentor Name	Representing	Category	# of Letters	Link
48	3/21/2025	Various	Sierra Club/Self	Env. Group	624	https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/rule-book/Proposed-Rules/1111-and-1121/comment-letter-from-sierra-club-20250320.pdf

#### COMMENT LETTERS OPPOSING PAR 1111 AND PAR 1121

The comment letters listed in the table below expressed opposition or concerns. The majority of those comments are based on the original rule concept that contained a future effective zero-NOx emission standard that would only allow for the sale of zero-NOx emission space and water heating appliances, e.g., a mandate to transition to zero-NOx appliances. Some comment letters included in the table below have recognized the new rule concept but expressed some concerns on certain provisions. The opposition and concerns on the original rule concept have been addressed by the new rule concept for PAR 1111 and PAR 1121 released on February 7, 2025, which includes zero-NOx emission sales targets for manufacturers and will allow for both zero-NOx emission units and NOx-emitting natural gas-fired units to be sold and installed for use. Staff responses to the key points from the comment letters are included in a later section of this appendix. Comment letter #4 of Table Appendix D-2 is identical to the comment letter included in Appendix C as Comment Letter #37, where a detailed response is provided for each point made in the letter.

Table Appendix D-2 – Opposition Letters Received before March 20, 2025

	Date Received	<b>Commentor Name</b>	Representing	Category	# of Letters	Link
1	9/20/2024	Tracy Hernandez	BizFed	Business	1	https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/rule-book/Proposed-Rules/1111-and-1121/comment-letter-from-bizfed-20240920.pdf
2	9/20/2024	Stuart Waldman	Valley Industry & Commerce Association	City/County	1	https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/rule-book/Proposed-Rules/1111-and-1121/comment-letter-from-valley-industry-commerce-association-20240920.pdf
3	10/3/2024	Fran Inman, David Fleming, Tracy Hernandez, David Englin	BizFed	Business	1	https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default- source/rule-book/Proposed-Rules/1111-and- 1121/los-angeles-county-business- federation.pdf
4	10/17/2024	Kevin Barker	SoCalGas	Business	1	https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default- source/rule-book/Proposed-Rules/1111-and-

	Date Received	Commentor Name	Representing	Category	# of Letters	Link
						1121/comment-letter-from-socalgas- 20241017.pdf
5	10/17/2024	Whitney Squire	Plumbing Heating Cooling Contractors of California	Business	1	https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/rule-book/Proposed-Rules/1111-and-1121/comment-letter-from-phcc-of-california-20241017.pdf
6	10/30/2024	Fran Inman, David Fleming, Tracy Hernandez, David Englin	BizFed	Business	1	https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/rule-book/Proposed-Rules/1111-and-1121/comment-letter-from-bizfed-20241030.pdf
7	10/31/2024	Sandi Schulz	Self	Resident	1	https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/rule-book/Proposed-Rules/1111-and-1121/comment-letter-from-sandi-schulz-20241031.pdf
8	10/31/2024	Julie Peterson	Self	Resident	1	https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/rule-book/Proposed-Rules/1111-and-1121/comment-letter-from-julie-peterson-20241030.pdf
9	11/3/2024	Marsha Golden	Self	Resident	1	https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default- source/rule-book/Proposed-Rules/1111-and- 1121/comment-letter-from-marsha-golden- 20241103.pdf
10	11/4/2024	Deborah Knowlton	Self	Resident	1	https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default- source/rule-book/Proposed-Rules/1111-and- 1121/comment-letter-from-deborah-knowlton- 20241104.pdf
11	11/8/2024	Terry Schulz	Self	Resident	1	https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/rule-book/Proposed-Rules/1111-and-1121/comment-letter-from-terry-schulz-20241108.pdf
12	11/29/2024	Lawrence Yoo	Self	Resident	1	https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/rule-book/Proposed-Rules/1111-and-1121/comment-letter-from-lawrence-yoo-20241129.pdf

	Date Received	Commentor Name	Representing	Category	# of Letters	Link
13	12/18/2024	Hari Dhiman	Eastvale Chamber of Commerce	City/County	1	https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/rule-book/Proposed-Rules/1111-and-1121/comment-letter-from-eastvale-chamber-of-commerce-20241218.pdf
14	12/18/2024	Marnie O'Brien Primmer	Orange County Council of Governments	City/County	1	https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/rule-book/Proposed-Rules/1111-and-1121/comment-letter-from-occog-20241216.pdf
15	12/18/2024	Tim Hepburn	San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments	City/County	1	https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/rule-book/Proposed-Rules/1111-and-1121/comment-letter-from-sgvcog-20241218.pdf
16	12/18/2024	Mendell L. Thompson	City of Glendora	City/County	1	https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default- source/rule-book/Proposed-Rules/1111-and- 1121/comment-letter-from-the-city-of- glendora-20241218.pdf
17	12/30/2024	Various	Self	Resident	86	https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default- source/rule-book/Proposed-Rules/1111-and- 1121/comment-letter-from-various- 20241229.pdf
18	12/30/2024	Various	Self	Resident	13	https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default- source/rule-book/proposed-rules/1111-and- 1121/comment-letter-from-various- 20241230.pdf
19	12/31/2024	Miguel Prietto	Self	Resident	1	https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default- source/rule-book/proposed-rules/1111-and- 1121/comment-letter-from-miguel-prietto- 20241231.pdf

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20	1/1/2025	Various	Self	Resident	7	https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default- source/rule-book/Proposed-Rules/1111-and- 1121/comment-letter-from-various- 20250107.pdf
21	1/9/2025	Various	Self	Resident	4	https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/rule-book/Proposed-Rules/1111-and-1121/comment-letter-from-various-20250109.pdf
22	1/17/2025	Katherine Johansen	Self	Resident	1	https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/rule-book/Proposed-Rules/1111-and-1121/comment-letter-from-katherine-johansen-20250117.pdf
23	1/7/2025	Eunice Ulloa	City of Chino	City/County	1	https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/rule-book/Proposed-Rules/1111-and-1121/comment-letter-from-city-of-chino-20250107.pdf
24	1/11/2025	Various	Self	Resident	9	https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/rule-book/Proposed-Rules/1111-and-1121/comment-letter-from-various-20250111.pdf
25	1/23/2025	Mark Attaway	Self	Resident	1	https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default- source/rule-book/proposed-rules/1111-and- 1121/comment-letter-from-mark-attaway- 20250123.pdf
26	1/28/2025	Phillip Dupper	City of Loma Linda	City/County	1	https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/rule-book/Proposed-Rules/1111-and-1121/comment-letter-from-city-of-loma-linda-20250128.pdf
27	1/28/2025	Phillip Dupper, Mayor Popescu, Rigsby, Spencer-Hwang	The City Council of The City of Loma Linda	City/County	1	https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/rule-book/Proposed-Rules/1111-and-1121/comment-letter-from-the-city-council-of-the-city-of-loma-linda-20250128.pdf

	Date Received	Commentor Name	Representing	Category	# of Letters	Link
28	1/28/2025	Scott Voigts	City of Lake Forest	City/County	1	https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default- source/rule-book/Proposed-Rules/1111-and- 1121/comment-letter-from-city-of-lake-forest- 20250128.pdf
29	1/24/2025	Various	Self	Resident	16	https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default- source/rule-book/Proposed-Rules/1111-and- 1121/comment-letter-from-various- 20250124.pdf
30	1/30/2025	Blair Stewart	City of Brea	City/County	1	https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default- source/rule-book/Proposed-Rules/1111-and- 1121/comment-letter-from-city-of-brea- 20250130.pdf
31	2/1/2025	Various	Self	Resident	8	https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default- source/rule-book/Proposed-Rules/1111-and- 1121/comment-letter-from-scott-moody- 20250201.pdf
32	2/7/2025	Debra Kamm	Self	Resident	1	https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default- source/rule-book/Proposed-Rules/1111-and- 1121/comment-letter-from-debra-kamm- 20250207.pdf
33	2/7/2025	Various	Self	Resident	68	https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default- source/rule-book/Proposed-Rules/1111-and- 1121/comment-letter-from-various- 20250211.pdf
34	2/14/2025	Greg Newton	City of Norco	City/County	1	https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default- source/rule-book/Proposed-Rules/1111-and- 1121/comment-letter-from-city-of-norco- 20250214.pdf
35	2/10/2025	Various	Self	Resident	68	https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default- source/rule-book/Proposed-Rules/1111-and- 1121/comment-letter-from-various- 20250214.pdf
36	2/14/2025	Various	Self	Resident	7	https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default- source/rule-book/Proposed-Rules/1111-and- 1121/comment-letter-from-various- 20250115.pdf

	Date Received	Commentor Name	Representing	Category	# of Letters	Link
37	2/19/2025	Mayor Warren, Mayor Pro Tem Garcia, Council Members Cothran, Roberts and Sandoval	City of Fontana	City/County	1	https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default- source/rule-book/Proposed-Rules/1111-and- 1121/comment-letter-from-city-of-fontana- 20250219.pdf
38	2/21/2025	Kris Murray	Association of California Cities Orange County	Other	1	https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/rule-book/Proposed-Rules/1111-and-1121/comment-letter-from-accoc-20250221.pdf
39	2/24/2025	L. Dennis Michael	City of Rancho Cucamonga	City/County	1	https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/rule-book/Proposed-Rules/1111-and-1121/comment-letter-from-city-of-rancho-cucamonga-20250224.pdf
40	2/21/2025	Rose Espinoza	City of La Habra	City/County	1	https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/rule-book/Proposed-Rules/1111-and-1121/comment-letter-from-city-of-la-habra-20250221.pdf
41	2/21/2025	Scott Cutshall	Clay Lacy Aviation	Business	1	https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/rule-book/Proposed-Rules/1111-and-1121/comment-letter-from-clay-lacy-aviation-20250221.pdf
42	1/7/2025	Joe Stapleton	City of Newport Beach	City/County	1	https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default- source/rule-book/Proposed-Rules/1111-and- 1121/comment-letter-from-city-of-newport- beach-20250107.pdf
43	2/20/2025	Various	Self	Resident	23	https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default- source/rule-book/Proposed-Rules/1111-and- 1121/comment-letter-from-various- 20250306.pdf
44	2/17/2025	Sam Wong, MD	Self	Resident	1	https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/rule-book/proposed-rules/1111-and-1121/sam-wong-comment-letter-feb-17-2025.pdf?sfvrsn=b36c9f61_2

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45	3/11/2025	Greg Van Dyke	California Consumer Advocates for Affordability and Safety	Other	1	https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/rule-book/Proposed-Rules/1111-and-1121/comment-letter-from-ca-consumer-advocates-20250311.pdf
46	3/18/2025	Sam Wong	Self	Resident	1	https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/rule-book/Proposed-Rules/1111-and-1121/comment-letter-from-sam-wong-20250318.pdf
47	3/13/2025	Various	Self	Resident	9331	https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/rule-book/Proposed-Rules/1111-and-1121/comment-letters-from-residents-in-opposition-20250313.pdf
48	3/12/2025	Bishop Dwight E. Williams	California Senior Alliance	Other	1	https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/rule-book/Proposed-Rules/1111-and-1121/comment-letter-from-california-senior-alliance-20250312.pdf
49	3/17/2025	Adam Briones	California Community Builders	Other	1	https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/rule-book/Proposed-Rules/1111-and-1121/comment-letter-from-california-community-builders-20250317.pdf
50	3/17/2025	Chip Ahlswede	Apartment Association of Orange County	Other	1	https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/rule-book/Proposed-Rules/1111-and-1121/comment-letter-from-apartment-association-of-orange-county-20250317.pdf
51	3/18/2025	Robert Sausedo	Community Build, Inc.	Other	1	https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default- source/rule-book/Proposed-Rules/1111-and- 1121/comment-letter-from-community-build- inc-20250318.pdf

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52	3/20/2025	Todd Titus	Heating, Air- Conditioning, & Refrigeration Distributors International (HARDI)	Other	1	https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/rule-book/Proposed-Rules/1111-and-1121/comment-letter-from-hardi-20250320.pdf
53	3/20/2025	Jack Miranda	Jesse Miranda Center for Hispanic Leadership	Other	1	https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default- source/rule-book/Proposed-Rules/1111-and- 1121/comment-letter-from-jesse-miranda- center-20250320.pdf
54	3/20/2025	Gretchen Gutierrez	Desert Valleys Builders Association	Other	1	https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/rule-book/Proposed-Rules/1111-and-1121/comment-letter-from-desert-valleys-builders-association-20250320.pdf
55	3/20/2025	Laura Halverson, Tim Shaw, Christine Schachter	Tri-Counties of Realtors	Other	1	https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/rule-book/Proposed-Rules/1111-and-1121/comment-letter-from-tri-counties-of-realtors-20250320.pdf
56	2/20/2025	Janice Lim	City of Yorba Linda	City/County	1	https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/rule-book/Proposed-Rules/1111-and-1121/comment-letter-from-city-of-yorba-linda.pdf
57	2/26/2025	Todd Rogers	City of Lakewood	City/County	1	https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default- source/rule-book/Proposed-Rules/1111-and- 1121/comment-letter-from-city-of-lakewood- 20250226.pdf
58	3/5/2025	Ricky Estrada	City of Menifee	City/County	1	https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/rule-book/Proposed-Rules/1111-and-1121/comment-letter-from-city-of-menifee-20250305.pdf
59	3/5/2025	Daniel R. Slater	City of Orange	City/County	1	https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default- source/rule-book/Proposed-Rules/1111-and-

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						1121/comment-letter-from-city-of-orange- 20250305.pdf
60	3/10/2025	Russell Johnson	Associated Builders and Contractors of Southern California	Other	1	https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/rule-book/Proposed-Rules/1111-and-1121/comment-letter-from-associated-builders-and-contractors-of-southern-california-20250310.pdf
61	3/19/2025	Robert Apodaca	The Two Hundred	Other	1	https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/rule-book/proposed-rules/1111-and-1121/comment-letter-from-the-two-hundred-20250319.pdf
62	3/20/2025	Laura Halverson, Tim Shaw, Christine Schachter	The Pacific West Association of Realtors	Other	1	https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/rule-book/proposed-rules/1111-and-1121/comment-letter-from-the-pacific-west-association-of-realtors-20250320.pdf

# RESPONSE TO KEY TOPICS IN THE COMMENT LETTERS TO THE GOVERNING BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Rule Mandate

Opposition letters expressed concern over the original rule concept and the mandate to transition to zero-NOx space and water heating appliances at future effective dates when appliances are replaced. Based on the feedback, staff developed a new rule concept for PAR 1111 and PAR 1121 released on February 7, 2025, which includes zero-NOx emission sales targets for manufacturers and will allow for both zero-NOx emission units and NOx-emitting natural gas-fired units to be sold and installed for use. The new rule concept is not a mandate, as consumers can choose which units to install in their homes.

Consumer Choice

For discussion on consumer choice, please refer to Response to General Comment 1 in Appendix A.

Cost and Affordability

For discussion on cost and affordability, please refer to Response to General Comment 2 in Appendix A.

Electricity Demand and Grid Sustainability

For discussion on electric grid sustainability for meeting demand and addressing concerns on power outages, please refer to Response to General Comment 3 in Appendix A.

Zero-NOx Emission Technology Readiness

For discussion on zero-NOx emission technology readiness, please refer to Response to General Comment 4 in Appendix A.

Sufficient Outreach, Public Participation, and Rulemaking Schedule

For discussion on outreach and rulemaking schedule, please refer to Response to General Comment 5 in Appendix A. Stakeholders can continue to participate in the rulemaking process at future public meetings, including the Public Hearing.

Cost-Effectiveness Analysis

For discussion on the cost-effectiveness analysis, please refer to Response to General Comment 6 in Appendix A.

Emergency Replacements

For discussion on emergency replacement, please refer to Response to General Comment 7 in Appendix A.

High-Altitude Concerns

For discussion on high-altitude installations, please refer to Response to General Comment 8 in Appendix A.

**EPCA** 

For discussion on EPCA or concerns on banning natural gas, please refer to Response to General Comment 9 in Appendix A.

Need for the Rule Amendments

For discussion on the need for rule amendment, please refer to Response to General Comment 10 in Appendix A. While there may be some co-benefits for indoor air quality, the proposed rule focuses on ambient air quality.

Benefit of NOx Reduction to Ozone Reduction

NOx is identified as a criteria pollutant and one of the main precursor pollutants for ozone formation by U.S. EPA. Please refer to Appendix C Response to Comment 11-1 for more regarding the benefit of NOx reductions from PAR 1111 and PAR 1121 on achieving control on ozone formation.

Incentives to Transition to Zero-NOx Appliances

For discussion on incentives, please refer to Response to General Comment 11 in Appendix A.

Labeling and Reporting Requirements

For discussion on labeling, please refer to Appendix C Response to Comment 27-4.

For discussion on reporting requirements, please refer to Appendix C Response to Comment 27-9.

Delay January 1, 2027 Compliance Date to 2029

PAR 1121 Table 2 compliance date for existing buildings has been revised from January 1, 2027, to January 1, 2029. Furthermore, the new rule concept will allow for both zero-NOx emission units and NOx-emitting natural gas-fired units to be sold and installed for use.

Feasibility of 120V Heat Pump Water Heater

Please refer to Appendix C Response to Comment PW-9 for a similar comment.

Technology Check-In for Rule 1146.2

Staff will conduct a technology check in for Rule 1146.2 and provide update to the Stationary Source Committee prior to the future effective date for the existing building Zero-NOx emission standard.

Replacement of Units

PAR 1111 and PAR 1121 do not require the replacement of any operational units. PAR 1111 and PAR 1121 apply at the unit natural turnover when a replacement unit must be installed, often at unit breakdown.

Existing Mobile Homes

PAR 1111 and PAR 1121 have been amended to remove the zero-NOx emission standard for space and water heating appliance installations in existing mobile homes. For more discussion on existing mobile homes, please refer to Appendix B Response to Comment 6-1.

Natural Gas-Fired Stoves, Grills, and Other Cooktops

Discussion regarding natural gas-fired stoves, grills, and other cooktops are outside of the scope of this rulemaking.

Costly for Swimming Pool Heaters Going Electric

Discussion of swimming pool heaters is outside of the scope of this rulemaking. Please refer to South Coast AQMD Rule 1146.2: <a href="https://www.aqmd.gov/home/rules-compliance/rules/scaqmd-rule-book/proposed-rules/rule-1146-2">https://www.aqmd.gov/home/rules-compliance/rules/scaqmd-rule-book/proposed-rules/rule-1146-2</a>.

Motor Vehicles

Discussion of motor vehicles is outside of the scope of this rulemaking. For more information regarding South Coast AQMD's Old-Vehicle Scrapping Program, please refer to: <a href="https://www.aqmd.gov/home/programs/community/old-vehicle-scrapping">https://www.aqmd.gov/home/programs/community/old-vehicle-scrapping</a>.

Improving Public Transportation

Discussion of improving public transportation in South Coast AQMD is outside of the scope of this rulemaking.

High Electric Bill

For discussion on consumer choice, please refer to Response to General Comment 1 in Appendix A. For discussion on cost and affordability, including utility cost, please refer to Response to General Comment 2 in Appendix A.

Tankless Electric Water Heater Electrical Upgrade and Cost

PAR 1121 is for tank type water heaters, tankless water heaters are outside of the scope of this rulemaking. Please refer to South Coast AQMD Rule 1146.2: <a href="https://www.aqmd.gov/home/rules-compliance/rules/scaqmd-rule-book/proposed-rules/rule-1146-2">https://www.aqmd.gov/home/rules-compliance/rules/scaqmd-rule-book/proposed-rules/rule-1146-2</a>.

For discussion on consumer choice, please refer to Response to General Comment 1 in Appendix A. For consumers who choose a zero-NOx unit, an electric panel upgrade is not needed in every case. There are 120v heat pump water heaters available that are plug-in, along with other technologies.

White Papers and Studies

Staff appreciates the studies and analyses. For discussion on consumer choice, please refer to Response to General Comment 1 in Appendix A.

Impact Studies

Staff appreciates the studies and analyses providing data on existing fossil fuel combustion costs, energy costs, household impacts, health impacts, and technology readiness. Also see General Comment Responses 3 through 5. For discussion on impact assessments, including a socioeconomic impact assessment, estimated number of units, and emission reductions, please refer to Chapter 4.

**Wildfires** 

Wildfire emissions are a concern to South Coast AQMD but are outside the scope of PAR 1111 and PAR 1121. The primary concern of wildfires is particulate matter emissions

(PM2.5 and PM10). Rule development for Proposed Rule 444.1 – PM Reductions from Forest Waste for Wildfire Prevention has been initiated. Information for the rulemaking will be posted here: <a href="https://www.aqmd.gov/home/rules-compliance/rules/scaqmd-rule-book/proposed-rules/rule-404-and-444-1">https://www.aqmd.gov/home/rules-compliance/rules/scaqmd-rule-book/proposed-rules/rule-404-and-444-1</a>. South Coast AQMD is supporting ongoing federal, state, and local efforts in response to the recent devastating Los Angeles wildfires. More information on wildfire response can be found here: <a href="https://www.aqmd.gov/2025-wildfire-response">https://www.aqmd.gov/2025-wildfire-response</a>.

#### Carbon Footprint

South Coast AQMD is a regional air pollution regulatory agency; the carbon footprint of household natural gas usage is outside of the scope of PAR 1111 and PAR 1121. For discussion on the purpose of PAR 1111 and PAR 1121, please refer to Response to General Comment 10 in Appendix A.

#### Methane Emissions and Landfills

CARB regulates methane emissions and adopted numerous methane regulations, including a methane regulation for municipal solid waste landfills. South Coast AQMD also has rules landfills including Rule 1150 Excavation of Landfill (https://www.agmd.gov/docs/default-source/rule-book/reg-xi/rule-1150.pdf), Rule 1150.1 Control of Gaseous Emissions from Municipal Solid Waste Landfills (https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/rule-book/reg-xi/rule-1150-1.pdf), 1150.3 – Emissions of Oxides of Nitrogen from Combustion Equipment at Landfills (https://www.agmd.gov/docs/default-source/rule-book/reg-xi/rule-1150-3.pdf?sfvrsn=10), and Rule 1118.1 - Control of Emissions from Non-Refinery Flares (https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/rule-book/reg-xi/R1118-1.pdf?sfvrsn=d217f161 9).

# Lawn Equipment

CARB regulates lawn, garden, and landscape equipment and has not banned gas powered equipment. South Coast AQMD has an incentive program to exchange gasoline or diesel powered commercial lawn and garden equipment for zero-emission battery electric alternatives. For more information regarding South Coast AQMD's Lawn and Garden Program, please refer to: <a href="https://www.aqmd.gov/home/programs/community/electric-lawn-and-garden-programs">https://www.aqmd.gov/home/programs/community/electric-lawn-and-garden-programs</a>.

#### Pilot Program to Verify Feasibility of Zero-NOx Emission Standard

The comment was based on the original rule concept. The new rule concept for PAR 1111 and PAR 1121 released on February 7, 2025, allows for both zero-NOx emission units and NOx-emitting natural gas-fired units to be sold and installed for use. For discussion on technology readiness, please refer to Response to General Comment 4 in Appendix A. Staff will conduct a technology check-in for rule implementation and provide updates to the Stationary Source Committee.

#### Implementation Schedule

PAR 1111 and PAR 121 are applicable to new installations at end of unit life, or at natural turnover, which means 15-25 years of implementation timeline. The new rule concept for PAR 1111 and PAR 1121 released on February 7, 2025, allowing both zero-NOx emission

units and NOx-emitting natural gas-fired units further addresses stakeholder concerns regarding insufficient time to transition to zero-NOx emission appliances.

#### Financial Burden of Mitigation Fee

Both rules previously had mitigation fee alternative compliance options. The mitigation fee in the new rule concept strikes a balance while incentivizing zero-NOx emission units. For more on the mitigation fee, please refer to Appendix B Response to Comment PC-6.

# Housing Affordability

The new rule concept for PAR 1111 and PAR 1121 released on February 7, 2025, helps address stakeholder concerns regarding costs and the impacts on housing affordability. For discussion on affordability and cost, please refer to Appendix A Response to General Comment 2. For discussion on rent stabilization and tenant protections, please refer to Chapter 2.

### South Coast AQMD Authority

The South Coast AQMD Governing Board has authority to adopt amendments to Rule 1111 and Rule 1121 pursuant to the Health and Safety Code Sections 39002, 40000, 40001, 40440, 40702, 40725 through 40728, and 41508.

#### PAR 1111 and PAR 1121 Implementation

PAR 1111 and PAR 1121 apply to the product supply chain. Manufacturers have the option to comply with PAR 1111 and PAR 1121 by the ZEM alternative compliance option or compliance schedule for new and existing building according to rule paragraph (d)(2). The proposed ZEM alternative compliance option, in lieu of paragraph (d)(2), intends to provide flexibility for the implementation and addresses the concern for consumer choice and costs. The compliance targets by the proposed ZEM alternative compliance option are not hard targets. If consumer demand results in higher sales of NOx-emitting gas units, the manufacturer may supply those units with a higher mitigation fee. Both rules previously had mitigation fee alternative compliance options and manufacturers, distributors, and contractor/installers have gained experience through similar implementation.

#### *Increase Mitigation Fees*

Please refer to Appendix B, Response to Comment - PC-4, Response to Comment 43-1, and Response to Comment 29-2. Fees will be utilized for the Go Zero program. Increasing the fees over time outside CPI, increasing fees for continuously missing targets, eliminating the discount fee, or stricter compliance percentage targets would not be in line with the current efforts to strike a balance while incentivizing zero-NOx emission units.

#### Lower Mitigation Fees

For further discussion on fees, please refer to Appendix – B Response to Comment PC-6.

#### **EPCA** Preemption

The new rule concept for Proposed Amended Rules 1111 and 1121 released on February 7, 2025, which includes zero-NOx emission sales targets for manufacturers, will allow for both zero-NOx emission units and NOx-emitting natural gas-fired units to be sold and

installed for use. For discussion on EPCA or concerns on banning natural gas, please refer to Response to General Comment 9 in Appendix A.

# Impact on Schools

The PAR 1111 applicability was revised and no longer includes units with a rated heat input capacity of 175,000 Btu/hr or greater, which would include many furnace sizes for commercial applications such as in schools. The current proposal limits PAR 1111 to furnaces used for indoor heating to less than 175,000 Btu per hour. The rules are not proscriptive, so there may be scenarios where schools choose to install smaller-sized appliance that are subject to PAR 1111 or PAR 1121. The new rule concept for PARs 1111 and 1121 released on February 7, 2025, which includes zero-NOx emission sales targets for manufacturers, will allow for both zero-NOx emission units and NOx-emitting natural gas-fired units to be sold and installed for use. For discussion on consumer choice, please refer to Response to General Comment 1 in Appendix A.

# Availability of Solar

Discussion regarding the availability and cost of solar power is outside the scope of this rulemaking. Please refer to Chapter 2 for discussion on solar technology for heating, ventilation, and air conditioning.

#### Conflict with the Dormant Commerce Clause

The new rule concept for Proposed Amended Rules 1111 and 1121 released on February 7, 2025, which includes zero-NOx emission sales targets for manufacturers, will allow for both zero-NOx emission units and NOx-emitting natural gas-fired units to be sold and installed for use. For discussion on consumer choice, please refer to Response to General Comment 1 in Appendix A. For a discussion on the Dormant Commerce Clause please refer to Response to Comment 4-2 in Appendix C.

#### Attainment of Existing NOx Standards

South Coast Air Basin has been classified as "extreme" nonattainment for the 2015 federal ozone standard. Ozone is formed when NOx and VOC react in the presence of sunlight. While both NOx and VOC contribute to ozone formation, the key to attaining the ozone standard in the Basin is to reduce NOx. For a discussion on the need for the rule amendments, please refer to Response to General Comment 10 in Appendix A.

#### Accuracy of Health Impacts

Health benefit from the rules is based on NOx emission reductions. Although natural gas combustion is not as emissive as combusting other fossil fuels, the large universe of appliances subject to PAR 1111 and PAR 1121 results in the large emission inventory. PAR 1111 and PAR 1121 will cover over 10 million units emitting an estimated 6.8 tpd NOx emissions. Comparatively for NOx emission, by 2037, staff estimates all utilities emit 2 to 3 tpd, all refineries emit about 4 tpd, and all passenger vehicles emit about 7 tpd. The health benefit from the rules will be significant. For a detailed discussion on the health benefits analysis, please refer to Response to General Comment 10 in Appendix A.

Impact on Gas Stoves

Please note that PARs 1111 and 1121 do not apply to stoves, they apply to space and water heating appliances.

Readiness of Electrical Appliances

For a discussion on the readiness of zero-NOx emission technology and consumer choice, please refer to Response to General Comment 4 and Response to General Comment 1, respectively, in Appendix A.

Impact on Disadvantaged Communities

PARs 1111 and 1121 apply to residential furnaces and water heaters. The NOx emission reductions as a result of implementation of these two proposed amended rules will benefit the air quality in all communities in which these types of equipment operate. Consumers will have the choice to purchase conventional NOx-emitting units when an appliance needs to be replaced at end of unit life. For consumers who choose to pursue zero-NOx emission units, more incentives and lower utility rate would be available for lower income consumers. For discussion on cost, affordability and incentives, please refer to Response to General Comment 2 and Response to General Comment 11 in Appendix A.

Impact on Climate Change

The South Coast AQMD's mission is to improve regional air pollution and to attain state and federal air quality standards. PARs 1111 and 1121 target NOx emission reductions to assist in meeting federal ozone and PM2.5 air quality standards for the region. While there may be co-benefits for greenhouse gas emission reductions via the prevention of natural gas combustion, that is not the direct purview of the South Coast AQMD or the purpose for the proposed rule amendments.

Sales Targets

For comments on assessment of sales targets and potential revisions, please refer to Appendix B - Response to Comment PC-3.

Consistency in Appliance Regulations Across Air Districts

The South Coast AQMD evaluates the air quality impacts of pollution within its geographical jurisdiction. Similar evaluations of other Air Districts within California may determine the necessity of regulations that also reduce NOx emissions from residential furnaces and waters heaters and result in air quality benefits. South Coast AQMD has been in communication with CARB, which is considering statewide rulemaking for space and water heating.

Go Zero Program Prioritization of Disadvantaged Communities

An effort will be made to focus rebates on those in overburdened regions, with 75 percent of rebate funding dedicated to overburdened communities for the pilot phase. Staff will monitor the program performance and ensure the prioritization of overburdened communities for future phases. For more information, please refer to Response to Comment 22-1 in Appendix B.

# Utility-Funded Loan Program for Zero-Emission Equipment Transition

Staff understand utility companies such as Southern California Edison offer state-administered financing programs that help customers by spreading the cost of qualified installations overtime. In addition to those financing opportunities, South Coast AQMD's Go Zero program will provide a source of funds to incentivize the transition to zero-NOx emission residential furnaces and water heaters. This program will be partially funded by the implementation of mitigation fees for NOx emitting natural gas-fired units sold specified in Proposed Amended Rules 1111 and 1121. For more information, please refer to Appendix A – Response to General Comment 11.

# Electrical Upgrades

By the new rule concept, consumers will have the choice to purchase conventional NOxemitting units when an appliance needs to be replaced at end of unit life. For consumers who choose zero-NOx emission units, the project cost examples listed in the Clearinghouse website include electric upgrade costs (<a href="https://www.aqmd.gov/home/rules-compliance/residential-and-commercial-building-appliances">https://www.aqmd.gov/home/rules-compliance/residential-and-commercial-building-appliances</a>), which is also included in staff analysis of cost-effectiveness under Chapter 2 of the staff report. For more information on the costs, please refer to Appendix A – Response to General Comment 2.

# Applicability Change in PAR 1111

The PAR 1111 applicability was revised and no longer includes units with a rated heat input capacity of 175,000 Btu/hr or greater, units with rated heat input capacity 175,000 Btu/hr and above will be addressed in a future rule development process. For more information, please refer to Appendix B – Response to PC-16.