

Jennifer Vinh

From: Denise Lamonte <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, April 27, 2025 12:06 PM
To: Jennifer Vinh
Subject: [EXTERNAL] OPPOSE Rules 1111 & 1121

Hon. Vanessa Delgado, Chair
South Coast Air Quality Management District
21865 Copley Drive
Diamond Bar, CA 91765

Dear Chair Delgado and Governing Board Members:

I write to express opposition to the proposed amendments to Rules 1111 and 1121. While the latest rule concept attempts to move in the right direction, it fails to address many of the fundamental concerns we have with the proposed amendments.

Beyond the initial cost of the appliances, the amendments do not account for the substantial retrofit and infrastructure upgrade expenses that owners of older homes will have to bear to accommodate the new technology. These costs could amount to tens of thousands of dollars, placing an undue financial burden on homeowners, renters, and business owners—many of whom can least afford it.

Additionally, I am deeply concerned about the increased strain these rules will place on an already aging electrical grid. **This grid not only relies on nonrenewable sources, such as natural gas to generate power, but is also ill-equipped to handle excessive new demand, posing a significant public safety risk.** Residents have already endured frequent blackouts and service interruptions, and since 2015, electric power lines have caused six of the 20 most devastating wildfires in our community. Furthermore, numerous residential and commercial projects are currently on hold due to a lack of available power.

Many Southern California families are already struggling with high living costs, and mandating costly retrofits or replacements will only exacerbate financial hardships. These rules disproportionately impact lower-income households, which are the least able to afford such expenses.

While we understand and support the Air District's efforts to improve air quality, the proposed amendments would impose an undue and significant burden on homeowners, renters, and small businesses. In addition, they really don't promise an improvement of air quality. Since a significant portion of electricity is generated by natural gas, disallowing consumers to use natural gas doesn't make any sense.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We respectfully urge the Board to explore alternative approaches that balance air quality improvements with economic feasibility for all residents.

Sincerely,

Denise Lamonte
Concerned Citizen

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From: glenn robinson <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, April 25, 2025 9:46 PM
To: Jennifer Vinh
Subject: [EXTERNAL] OPPOSE Rules 1111 & 1121

Dear Chair Delgado and Members of the Governing Board,

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed amendments to Rules 1111 and 1121.

While I appreciate the intent to move toward cleaner technologies, the current amendments fail to address several critical concerns.

First, the amendments do not consider the significant financial burden placed on homeowners, renters, and business owners who may already be struggling with high costs of living. The initial expense of new appliances is just the beginning—many older homes will require extensive retrofitting and infrastructure upgrades to accommodate the new technology. These additional costs could easily run into the tens of thousands of dollars, creating a hardship for those least able to afford it.

Moreover, I am deeply concerned about the impact these amendments could have on our already overburdened electrical grid. This grid, which relies heavily on nonrenewable sources like natural gas, is ill-equipped to handle the additional demand. Given that we already experience frequent blackouts and service interruptions, further strain on the grid poses a serious public safety risk. Since 2015, power lines have been responsible for six of the 20 most devastating wildfires in our community, and numerous residential and commercial developments are currently stalled due to a lack of available power.

Many families in Southern California are struggling to make ends meet. Mandating costly retrofits or replacements only deepens these financial challenges, especially for lower-income households that are least able to absorb such expenses.

While we fully support efforts to improve air quality, the proposed amendments as they stand would impose a significant and disproportionate burden on homeowners, renters, and small businesses.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I urge the Board to explore alternative solutions that balance environmental goals with the economic realities faced by residents and businesses.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Vinh

From: Wendy New MacBook <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 29, 2025 2:13 PM
To: Jennifer Vinh
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Proposed Amended Rules 1111 & 1121 as released February 28

Dear Chair Delgado and Governing Board Members.....

My husband, John Henning and myself are opposed to the proposed amendments for many reasons. Costs would be astronomical to both property owners and tenants.

Thank you,
Wendy Henning
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