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Subject: [EXTERNAL] OPPOSE Rules 1111 & 1121

May 28, 2025

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

RE: OPPOSE – Proposed Amended Rules 1111 & 1121 – as released February 28

Dear Chair Delgado and Governing Board Members:

My name is Christine Russell and 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.

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,

Christine Russell

cc: Members of the Governing Board

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Marissa Poon

From: Heather Farr
Sent: Wednesday, June 4, 2025 8:33 AM
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Attachments: Susan Shelley_ Environmental regulators harm the poor – Orange County Register 6-1-2025.pdf

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Hello

Proposed Amended Rules 1111 and 1121 will ban home furnaces and water heaters that run on natural gas.

It is time to end this regulatory assault. I just replaced my GAS furnace and hot water heater (almost \$10,000) and I am NOT going to do it again any time in the near future, let alone by 2029.

And you cannot just convert from gas to electric WITHOUT THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS IN EXPENSES to convert. IT'S NOT THAT SIMPLE.

Attached is Susan Shelley's brilliant piece on your proposed amended rules. Not only will they cost Californians EVEN MORE MONEY TO LIVE that the Democrats in this state just love to impose on us to pay for illegal aliens who never contributed a dime and do not tell me they do. I'm an expert in tax law.

The proposed rules WILL DO ZIPPIDY DOO DAH - NOTHING - NADA - RIEN - to help our environment.

it is LOSE LOSE.

I don't have that kind of money and you are NOT DEVALUATING MY CAPITAL SO THAT YOU CAN BUY IT UP AND CONVERT CA INTO GHETTO for NON-AMERICANS.

And the next governor we elect will UNDO ALL THE DAMAGE CAUSED BY THE CURRENT ADMINISTRATION and IT'S A LOT. I absolutely hate him and you for even thinking these ridiculous rules up.

Karen Nyhlen
Garden Grove CA

OPINION

Susan Shelley: Environmental regulators harm the poor



A view of DWP Valley Generating Station's smoke stacks of the natural gas generating station from Burbank Airport on Tuesday, October 15, 2019. (Photo by Sarah Reingewirtz, Pasadena Star-News/SCNG)



By **SUSAN SHELLEY** | opinion@scng.com | Orange County Register

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California is pursuing better living through poverty.

In order to accomplish the state's goal of pretending to eliminate "fossil fuels" and "greenhouse gases," California has enacted laws and regulations that are making everything more expensive.

For example, on June 6, the board of the South Coast Air Quality Management District is expected to vote on Proposed Amended Rules 1111 and 1121, which will ban home furnaces and water heaters that run on natural gas. (Email your comments to ClerkOfBoard@aqmd.gov.)

If the rules are approved by the unelected and unaccountable regulators, it shall be forbidden to supply, sell or install gas-powered furnaces and water heaters in any residence in the South Coast Air Quality Management District, beginning in 2029 for existing buildings and 2027 for new buildings.

About 17 million people live within the jurisdiction of the SCAQMD, which includes all of Orange County, most of Los Angeles County and portions of Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. And if any of those 17 million people have to replace a furnace or water heater, they're in for an expensive surprise.

Amid fierce criticism, the proposed rules were recently amended to create an alternative compliance path: manufacturers can pay a mitigation fee and delay the deadline date for ten years. The idea is to make the gas appliances so expensive that consumers will be incentivized to buy expensive electric units instead. Voluntarily, of course. Your regulators love you and want you to be happy. Poor, but happy.

The blithering idiocy of this policy cannot be overstated. Air quality regulators pretend they are reducing the burning of natural gas by mandating appliances that run on electricity. Can you guess how electricity is made in California? Largely by burning natural gas. The Golden State also imports electricity generated in other states. We don't ask where it came from. The stork brought it.

Regulatory compliance in California is a torture that would impress the Spanish Inquisition. Steaming stacks of reports are required from local governments and businesses alike. Experts are paid to calculate the emissions credits generated by an empty bicycle rack and the penalties assessed against a busy warehouse. The cost of all that meaningless measuring, calculating, reporting and complying is passed through to Californians in higher taxes and higher prices.

Supposedly the ban on gas appliances will reduce smog-inducing NOx emissions and eliminate some amount of fine particulates in the air. Is it enough to notice? And what will it cost?

These are not questions that regulators have to answer. Their job is to bring the region into “attainment” by any means necessary. But who sets the standard that must be attained?

In February 2024, nearly three dozen U.S. senators signed a letter to Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Michael S. Regan to complain about the EPA’s new revision of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for fine particulate matter under the Clean Air Act. This is known in government circles as the PM2.5 NAAQS standard.

Since 2013, the standard had been 12 micrograms per cubic meter, a level that the EPA had determined to be protective of public health. The senators pointed out in their letter that the EPA’s own data showed a 42 percent decline in PM2.5 emissions over the last two decades, with scientific evidence of continuing improvements in air quality. In 2020, the EPA concluded again that the standard of 12 micrograms per cubic meter was sufficient.

Under the Clean Air Act, the EPA is directed by Congress to reevaluate the NAAQS standards every five years, with the next review due in 2025. But just 33 days after its 2020 review was complete, the EPA started up another review of the PM2.5 standard. In 2024, the agency announced a new rule tightening the standard to 9 micrograms per cubic meter.

That was enough to put 40% of the U.S. population, in 200 counties, into “nonattainment.” Complying with the new standard would threaten more than 850,000 jobs as companies moved or expanded overseas, according to an analysis by the National Association of Manufacturers. “Even the aggressively overregulated European Union maintains its standards for PM2.5 at 20-25 micrograms per cubic meter, more than double the new standard for the United States,” the senators wrote.

States in nonattainment can lose highway funds unless they submit a plan to the EPA explaining how they will hit the new number. Costly and restrictive regulations inevitably follow, and approvals for new economic developments are stalled.

But if a standard of 12 was fine for public health in 2020, is it a good idea for 850,000 people to lose their jobs to get the number to 9? Should unelected regulators be empowered to single-handedly impair critical sectors of the U.S. economy such as agriculture, mining, forestry and manufacturing? These all generate PM2.5, which is essentially dust in the wind.

This is why the Trump administration is reviewing the tighter emissions standards for NOx and PM2.5 that were imposed during the Biden administration, as well as the 2009 “Endangerment Finding” issued during the Obama administration, which gave the EPA the power to regulate greenhouse gas emissions as pollutants under the Clean Air Act.

Trump is also threatening to revoke California’s waiver under the Clean Air Act, which allows the state to set its own, tougher emissions standards. It has effectively empowered state air regulators to raise the price of gasoline in order to reduce driving.

The standards are established without any connection to actual, verifiable health data. Instead, we have numbers that are arbitrarily tightened, then justified by running faulty assumptions through computer models to come up with wild-eyed estimates of “health costs” and “premature deaths” supposedly attributable to gas-powered leaf blowers. Or classic cars driving to a Sunday show. Or water heaters and furnaces. Or trucks delivering food.

Regulators call this “cracking down on the worst polluters.” The truth is that the “worst polluters” of the 1960s and ‘70s were cleaned up long ago. Today it’s the poverty rate that takes your breath away.

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The 9th Circuit already said YOU CANNOT DO THIS SO WHY ARE YOU BEING SO DAMN STUBBORN and HURTING CALIFORNIANS?

Not to mention, you should talk to SCE who sent me HATE MAIL FOR USING SO MUCH ELECTRICITY when I had a TEMPORARY WATER HEATER for 3 months while mitigating water damage in my condo.

<https://californiaglobe.com/fr/deceitful-so-cal-gas-water-heater-ban-back/>

Karen Nyhlen
Garden Grove, CA

Peter Campbell

From: South Coast AQMD [REDACTED] >
Sent: Wednesday, June 4, 2025 10:01 AM
To: Peter Campbell
Subject: Contact Form

Contact Form

Name: Lisa Kennedy

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Message:

I am writing to urge the board to reject this foolhardy measure requiring all residents and businesses to convert to all electric water heaters. I simply cannot afford such a change which would require re-wiring of my home as well as a new water heater. Many homeowners and businesses are in the same position financially. We are already being squeezed on all sides by increased costs of all goods and services! Additionally, the proposed change would pose a risk to life safety for all with power outages in increasing temperatures! This threatens us all!

Jennifer Vinh

From: Nancy McKelvey <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, May 29, 2025 1:51 PM
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Oppose Rule 1111 and 1121

Hon. Vanessa Delgado, Chair
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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,

Nancy McKelvey

Peter Campbell

From: South Coast AQMD <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, June 3, 2025 2:19 PM
To: Peter Campbell
Subject: Contact Form

Contact Form

Name: Rebecca Evans

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Message:

Dear Honorable Board Members: I'm a resident and home owner in Riverside County. After careful review of amended rules 1111 and 1121, it is quite clear to upgrade to zero emission appliances would be cost prohibitive. Not just for the cost of the appliances but for the retrofit. Homeowners would be required to get permits to upgrade existing electrical panels and wiring thus costing significantly more than what the appliances cost. An analysis by the Cost of Living Council estimates these upgrades could cost up to \$47,00 for a single-family home. I ask you to carefully review the So Cal Letter dated October 17, 2024. A few points to consider: "It is imperative that South Coast AQMD inform residents and business owners of the impacts of PAR 1111 and 1121 prior to Board consideration, as it appears that the majority of residents

and business owners in the South Coast AQMD jurisdiction are wholly unaware of these significant changes. Several assumptions within the cost-effectiveness analysis are inconsistent and should be revaluated by staff. The financial impact of the proposed amendments has not been adequately evaluated and will be burdensome to the everyday customer". Finally from their letter, "While SoCalGas supports emission reduction efforts, PAR 1111 and 1121 effectively ban gas-fired space and water heaters, disregarding the potential emissions reductions that can be achieved through technological advancements in ultralow-NOx gas technologies, hydrogen-enriched natural gas systems, and hybrid solutions. These alternatives have the potential to achieve meaningful emissions reductions while maintaining reliable, affordable, and efficient options for residents and consumers". Please keep in mind that these residential homes that will need furnaces or water heaters replaced are homes owned by pensioners. These elderly residents cannot afford this mandate thus potentially losing their homes. And not to mention the small business owner. This is very concerning and immoral. I respectfully oppose these amendments. Thank you for your consideration, Rebecca Evans

Jennifer Vinh

From: Wendy Oliver <[REDACTED]>
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May 31, 2025

Honorable Vanessa Delgado chairwoman,
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RE: oppose amended rules 1111 and 1121 as publicly noticed on April 29, 2025

Dear Chairwoman Delgado and the governing board members,

Please oppose these two rules 1111 and 1121. These very costly rules will be a huge burden to me personally and as a small landlord. My buildings are older and retrofitting would be very costly. In addition this would be unaffordable for my lower income tenants who are already struggling to pay for basic utility costs, rent, and the rising cost of living.

These amended rules would add stress to our electrical grid, which ironically, the biggest source of electrical power is from natural gas.

Please keep in mind that as Californians we are already heavily taxed and regulated. Please vote no on these rules.

Thank you,
Wendy Oliver.

Wendy Oliver
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