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COMPLIANCE ADVISORY

Date: June 20, 2025
To: Operators of flares subject to Rule 1118
Subject: Correction to provision contained in paragraph (l)(7) and clarification to provision contained in paragraph (j)(16) of Rule 1118 – Control of Emissions from Refinery Flares

South Coast AQMD is issuing a Compliance Advisory regarding the provisions contained in paragraph (l)(7) and paragraph (j)(16) of Rule 1118 – *Control of Emissions from Refinery Flares*. Paragraph (l)(7) establishes flare event notification requirements and paragraph (j)(16) establishes monthly emissions reporting requirements. Rule 1118 establishes requirements to reduce emissions from flaring events located at refineries and related facilities. In addition, the rule establishes provisions for monitoring, recordkeeping, and reporting of flaring events through the Flare Event Notification System (FENS). The rule was last amended on April 5, 2024. These provisions will be clarified and corrected in an upcoming rule amendment.

Flare Notifications when FENS is not Available

Background

Paragraph (l)(7) allows facilities to submit notifications via 1-800-CUT-SMOG when FENS is unavailable or non-functional. Staff intended for this provision to apply to all flare event notifications; however, the notification requirement for the exceedance of 100,000 standard cubic feet of vent gas from a flare was inadvertently not included in paragraph (l)(7). To correct this oversight, staff is issuing this advisory to clarify that paragraph (l)(7) is intended to apply to all notifications described in paragraphs (l)(2) through (l)(5).

Correction

Paragraph (l)(7): If FENS is not available, or if functions within FENS do not allow facilities to enter the necessary information required in paragraphs (l)(2) through ~~(l)(4)~~(l)(5), the owner or operator of a Facility shall provide the required information by calling 1-800-CUT-SMOG (1-800-288-7664).

Clarification of Monthly Emissions Reporting Submission Timeline in paragraph (j)(16)

Paragraph (j)(16) of Rule 1118 outlines the requirements for Monthly Emission Reports; however, the provision, as written, does not clarify that facilities may submit a Quarterly Emission Report

in lieu of the Monthly Emissions Report for the months of March, June, September, and December, as the corresponding Quarterly Emission Reports submittal simultaneously satisfies the reporting requirements of the Monthly Emissions Report. Please refer to the Table below for the monthly reporting timelines. This advisory is being issued to clarify that Monthly Emission Reports are not required for the months of March, June, September, and December when the Quarterly Reports are submitted.

Month	Monthly Emissions Report	Quarterly Emissions Report
January	Required	--
February	Required	--
March	<i>Not Required</i>	Required
April	Required	--
May	Required	--
June	<i>Not Required</i>	Required
July	Required	--
August	Required	--
September	<i>Not Required</i>	Required
October	Required	--
November	Required	--
December	<i>Not Required</i>	Required

Next Steps

These clarifications will be incorporated into a future amendment to Rule 1118. South Coast AQMD will notify stakeholders once the rulemaking process begins.

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