

South Coast Air Quality Management District  
Notice of Public Workshop

**Proposed Amended Rule 1138 – Control of Emissions from Restaurant Operations**

Wednesday, July 2, 2025  
9:00 a.m.

Webinar Meeting Link:  
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The Public Workshop will be conducted via video conferencing (Zoom) which can be accessed via your personal computer or smart phone. Alternatively, stakeholders can phone-in to participate. Instructions on how to participate can be found at the top of this notice.

***Purpose of This Meeting***

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) has scheduled a Public Workshop to present and solicit information and suggestions from the public on Proposed Amended Rule 1138 – Control of Emissions from Restaurant Operations (PAR 1138), which is scheduled to be considered for adoption at a Public Hearing before the South Coast AQMD Governing Board on September 5, 2025 (subject to change).

***Background***

Rule 1138 – Control of Emissions from Restaurant Operations, was adopted in 1997 and **only applies to chain-driven charbroilers** used in commercial cooking operations. Rule 1138 requires owners and operators of chain-driven charbroilers with meat throughput greater than or equal to 875 pounds per week to install and operate emission control equipment that meets minimum control efficiency as certified by the South Coast AQMD. Chain-driven charbroilers contribute to direct emissions of particulate matter with a diameter of 2.5 micrometers or less (PM<sub>2.5</sub>) in the air. Due to not meeting the 2012 Annual PM<sub>2.5</sub> National Ambient Air Quality Standard, the federal Clean Air Act requires South Coast AQMD rules to be no less stringent than rules anywhere else in the country. Staff identified that two other air quality agencies (Bay Area Air District and San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District) have lower exemption thresholds than Rule 1138.

Charbroiler owners or operators are also separately required to submit equipment information to the South Coast AQMD per Rule 222 – Filing Requirements for Specific Emission Sources Not Requiring a Written Permit Pursuant to Regulation II. More information on the Rule 222 filing program is available at: <https://www.aqmd.gov/home/permits/rule-222-filing-program>. No amendments to Rule 222 are currently being proposed.

***Objectives of Proposed Amended Rule***

The primary objective of PAR 1138 is to comply with federal Clean Air Act requirements to assist in complying with the South Coast Air Basin Attainment Plan for the 2012 PM<sub>2.5</sub> Standard. PAR 1138 will lower the exemption threshold to be consistent with requirements from other air quality agencies. The threshold is proposed to go from 875 pounds to less than 400 pounds of meat cooked per week, or alternatively, less than 10,800 pounds of meat cooked per year while maintaining weekly meat throughput at below 875 pounds. This requirement would go into effect September 5, 2026. The proposal will also make minor administrative edits to remove existing language in Rule 1138 for requirements with past applicability dates, and clarify that chain-driven charbroilers operating below exemption thresholds need to file such information through Rule 222.

## ***California Environmental Quality Act***

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and South Coast AQMD's certified regulatory program (Public Resources Code Section 21080.5 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15251(l); codified in South Coast AQMD Rule 110), the South Coast AQMD, as lead agency, is currently reviewing the proposed project (PAR 1138) to determine if it will result in any potential adverse environmental impacts. Appropriate CEQA documentation will be prepared based on the analysis.

## ***Available Supporting Documents***

The following supporting documents will be available on or before June 18, 2025:

- Preliminary Draft of PAR 1138; and
- Preliminary Draft Staff Report for PAR 1138

## ***To Obtain Copies of the Above Documents***

Copies of the Preliminary Draft of PAR 1138 and Preliminary Draft Staff Report may be obtained from:

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The documents listed above and other rulemaking materials will be available for download from the South Coast AQMD website at:

<https://www.aqmd.gov/home/rules-compliance/rules/scaqmd-rule-book/proposed-rules/rule-1138>

## ***Americans with Disabilities Act and Language Accessibility***

Disability and language-related accommodations can be requested to allow participation in the Public Workshop. The agenda will be made available, upon request, in appropriate alternative formats to assist persons with a disability (Government Code Section 54954.2(a)). In addition, other documents may be requested in alternative formats and languages. Any disability or language related accommodation must be requested as soon as practicable. Requests will be accommodated, unless providing the accommodation would result in a fundamental alteration or undue burden to the South Coast AQMD. Please contact Elaine Shen at (909) 396-2715 from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, or send the request to [eshen@aqmd.gov](mailto:eshen@aqmd.gov).

## ***Key Contacts for Submitting Questions and Comments***

Attendees are invited to ask questions and make comments during the Public Workshop. Questions, comments, documents, studies, reports, or other relevant information may be directed to the following contacts:

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Staff requests written comments on PAR 1138 be submitted no later than **July 16, 2025**.