

South Coast Air Quality Management District
Notice of Public Workshop

Proposed Amended Regulation XXX – Title V Permits

Wednesday, October 28, 2026

2:00 pm

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The Public Workshop will be conducted via video conferencing (Zoom), which can be accessed via 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 Regulation XXX – Title V Permits (PAR XXX), which is scheduled for a Public Hearing before the South Coast AQMD Governing Board on January 8, 2027 (subject to change).

Background

Regulation XXX – Title V Permits (Regulation XXX) was adopted in 1993 to encompass the permitting process and requirements established by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) in the 1990 amendments to the federal Clean Air Act. In 2023, U.S. EPA removed the Title V emergency affirmative defense provisions from the federal operating permit regulations and required air pollution control agencies to remove corresponding provisions from their Title V permit programs. In response, South Coast AQMD removed the emergency affirmative defense provisions from Regulation XXX. In 2026, U.S. EPA finalized a rule rescinding the 2023 removal and restoring the Title V emergency affirmative defense provisions to the federal operating permit program regulations.

Objective of Proposed Amendments

PAR XXX includes Proposed Amended Rule 3002 – Applicability (PAR 3002), which will restore emergency affirmative defense provisions to be consistent with U.S. EPA’s Title V operating permit program regulations. In addition, Proposed Amended Rule 3004 – Permit Types and Content (PAR 3004), will be updated to restore associated rule references to the emergency affirmative defense provisions.

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15002(k) and 15061, the proposed project (PAR XXX) is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), 15308, and 15321. There is no substantial evidence indicating that any of the exceptions set forth in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 – Exceptions apply to the proposed project. A Notice of Exemption will be prepared pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15062.

Available Supporting Documents

The following supporting documents will be available no later than October 23, 2026:

- Preliminary Draft of PAR 3002;

- Preliminary Draft of PAR 3004; and
- Preliminary Draft Board Letter for PAR XXX (serves as Staff Report)

To Obtain Copies of the Above Documents

Copies of Preliminary Draft PAR 3002, Preliminary Draft PAR 3004, and the Preliminary Draft Board Letter may be obtained from:

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 Diamond Bar, CA 91765
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 Email: PublicAdvisor@aqmd.gov

The documents will also be available for download from the South Coast AQMD website at:
<http://www.aqmd.gov/home/rules-compliance/rules/scaqmd-rule-book/proposed-rules/regulation-xxx>

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 (Gov. 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 Michael Morris at (909) 396-3282 from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, or send the request to mmorris@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 regarding PAR XXX and CEQA may also be directed to Farzaneh Khalaj, Ph.D., fkhalaj@aqmd.gov or (909) 396-3022.

Staff requests written comments on PAR XXX be submitted no later than **November 11, 2026.**

Please note that under the California Public Records Act (Gov. Code Section 7920.000 et seq.) your written and oral comments, attachments, and associated contact information (e.g., your address, phone, email, etc.) become part of the public record and can be released to the public on request or posted on the South Coast AQMD website and cannot be kept confidential.