

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED ADOPTION OF, OR AMENDMENT TO, THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT AND PROPOSED SUBMISSION INTO THE STATE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

**RE: Proposed Amended Rule 1173 – Control of Volatile Organic Compound Leaks and Releases from Components at Petroleum Facilities and Chemical Plants**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a public hearing on the matter of adoption of rules and regulations for the South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD), or the amendments thereto, will be held on Friday, **November 1, 2024** in the Dr. William A. Burke Auditorium at South Coast AQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765, at 9:00 a.m., at which time evidence will be taken and all interested persons will be heard by the South Coast AQMD Governing Board. The meeting will be conducted through a hybrid format of in-person and/or virtual attendance via videoconferencing and by telephone with opportunities for public comment. Please refer to the instructions on South Coast AQMD's website for details on how to participate: <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/news-events/meeting-agendas-minutes>.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the South Coast AQMD is considering the adoption of Proposed Amended Rule 1173 – Control of Volatile Organic Compound Leaks and Releases from Components at Petroleum Facilities and Chemical Plants (PAR 1173). The objectives of PAR 1173 are to implement the Wilmington, Carson, West Long Beach Community Emission Reduction Plan and the 2022 Air Quality Management Plan Control Measure FUG-01: Improved Leak Detection and Repair, to further reduce VOC emissions. PAR 1173 will establish lower leak standards and require monthly optical gas imaging inspections. Additionally, PAR 1173 will introduce contingency measures to partially satisfy federal Clean Air Act contingency requirements for applicable ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards in the South Coast AQMD's jurisdiction.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that PAR 1173 will be submitted to the California Air Resources Board and the United States Environmental Protection Agency for inclusion into the State Implementation Plan.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that PAR 1173 implements Sections 110, 172, and 182(e) of the Federal Clean Air Act.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that a written analysis pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 40727.2 has been prepared that identifies all existing state and federal air pollution control requirements, all South Coast AQMD existing and proposed rules and regulations, and all pollution control requirements that apply to the same equipment or source type as PAR 1173.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Sections 15002(k) and 15061, PAR 1173 is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3). A Notice of Exemption will be prepared pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15062, and if the proposed project is approved, the Notice of Exemption will be filed for posting with the county clerks of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino counties, and the State Clearinghouse of the Governor's Office of Planning and Research.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the South Coast AQMD staff will prepare and make available the following documents on or before October 2, 2024, for consideration by the South Coast AQMD Governing Board, including:

- Draft PAR 1173
- Draft Staff Report for PAR 1173
- Comparative Analysis for PAR 1173, included in the Draft Staff Report
- Draft Socioeconomic Impact Assessment for PAR 1173

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the above documents may be obtained from the South Coast AQMD website at <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/rules-compliance/rules/scaqmd-rule-book/proposed-rules/rule-1173>, or by calling the Public Information Center at (909) 396-2001, or from: Derrick Alatorre – Deputy Executive Officer/Public Advisor, South Coast AQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765, (909) 396-2432, [PublicAdvisor@aqmd.gov](mailto:PublicAdvisor@aqmd.gov).

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that at the conclusion of the Public Hearing, the South Coast AQMD Governing Board may make other modifications to PAR 1173, which are justified by the evidence presented, or may decline to adopt some or all of PAR 1173.

Questions, comments, or requests for clarification regarding PAR 1173 can be directed to: Areio Soltani at [asoltani@aqmd.gov](mailto:asoltani@aqmd.gov), (909) 396-3318. CEQA inquiries can be directed to: Farzaneh Khalaj, Ph.D., [fkhalaj@aqmd.gov](mailto:fkhalaj@aqmd.gov), (909) 396-3022. Socioeconomic Impact Assessment inquiries can be directed to: Valerie Rivera, [vrivera@aqmd.gov](mailto:vrivera@aqmd.gov), (909) 396-3007. Comments and inquiries can also be submitted to the attention of the above person(s) to Planning, Rule Development and Implementation, South Coast AQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765.

Interested persons may provide oral or written statements at the Public Hearing. Ten (10) copies of all hard copy written materials must be submitted to the Clerk of the Boards. Individuals who wish to submit written or electronic comments must submit such comments to: Clerk of the Boards, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA, 91765-4178, (909) 396-2500, or to [cob@aqmd.gov](mailto:cob@aqmd.gov) on or before 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 29, 2024.

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

Disability and language-related accommodations can be requested to allow participation in the Governing Board meeting. 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. Requests can be sent to the Clerk of the Boards, South Coast AQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA, 91765-4178, at (909) 396-2500 (for TTY, 909-396-3560) or send the request to [cob@aqmd.gov](mailto:cob@aqmd.gov).

DATED: September 20, 2024

FAYE THOMAS  
Clerk of the Boards