

South Coast Air Quality Management District
Notice of Public Workshop

Proposed Rule 1159.1 – Control of NO_x Emissions from Nitric Acid Tanks

Thursday, September 29, 2022
1:00 p.m.

Join Zoom Webinar Meeting – from PC or Laptop
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The Public Workshop will be conducted via video conferencing (Zoom) which can be accessed via your computer or smart phone. Alternatively, stakeholders can phone-in to participate. We understand that this is not the same as an in-person public meeting; however, staff will take the time to listen to comments from all stakeholders. You are invited to attend the meeting electronically through Zoom or the phone. 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 Rule 1159.1 – Control of NO_x Emissions from Nitric Acid Tanks (PR 1159.1). PR 1159.1 is scheduled for a Public Hearing before the South Coast AQMD Governing Board on December 2, 2022 (subject to change).

Background

Nitric acid tanks are used in operations such as metal finishing, precious metal reclamation and expanded graphite foil production. Emissions of nitrogen oxides (NO_x) are formed from the reaction of nitric acid with metals or from the decomposition of nitric acid at high temperature in nitric acid tanks. PR 1159.1 establishes Best Available Retrofit Control Technology (BARCT) NO_x emission limits and other requirements for nitric acid tanks. PR 1159.1 will partially implement Control Measure CMB-05 in the 2016 Air Quality Management Plan and is designed to comply with Assembly Bill 617 BARCT requirements.

Proposed Rule and Objectives

PR 1159.1 applies to Regional Clean Air Incentives Market (RECLAIM), former RECLAIM, and non-RECLAIM facilities that operate nitric acid tanks. The proposed rule establishes NO_x emission limits for nitric acid tanks to reflect current BARCT and provides implementation schedules. PR 1159.1 also includes other requirements such as source testing, reporting, recordkeeping and provisions for exemptions.

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, CEQA Guidelines Section 15251(I) and South Coast AQMD Rule 110), the South Coast AQMD, as lead agency, is currently reviewing the proposed project (PR 1159.1) 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 September 18, 2022:

- Preliminary Draft of Proposed Rule 1159.1; and
- Preliminary Draft Staff Report for Proposed Rule 1159.1

To Obtain Copies of the Above Documents

Copies of the preliminary draft staff report and preliminary draft Proposed Rule 1159.1 will be available no later than September 18, 2022, and may be obtained from:

Derrick Alatorre/Public Advisor
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The documents will be available for download from the South Coast AQMD website at:

<http://www.aqmd.gov/home/rules-compliance/rules/scaqmd-rule-book/proposed-rules/rule-1159-1>

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't 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 Kalam Cheung at (909) 396-3281 from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, or send the request to kcheung@aqmd.gov.

Submission of Documents or Comments

Please submit comments, documents, studies, reports, or other relevant information to the contacts listed below:

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Written comments on the proposed rule should be submitted by October 13, 2022.