South Coast Air Quality Management District
Notice of Public Consultation Meeting

PROPOSED AMENDED RULE (PAR) 1111 – REDUCTION OF NOx EMISSIONS FROM NATURAL-GAS-FIRED, FAN-TYPE CENTRAL FURNACES

Thursday, November 21, 2019
10:00 a.m.
San Bernardino County Fire Station 91
301 California Highway 173
Lake Arrowhead, CA 92352

Purpose of This Meeting

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) has scheduled a public consultation meeting to present and solicit information and suggestions from the public regarding **Proposed Amended Rule 1111 – Reduction of NOx Emissions From Natural-Gas-Fired, Fan-Type Central Furnaces.** Proposed Amended Rule (PAR) 1111 is scheduled for a Public Hearing before the South Coast AQMD Governing Board on **December 6, 2019.**

Rule Background

Rule 1111 was adopted by the South Coast AQMD Governing Board in December 1978. This rule was amended in 1983, 2009, 2014 and 2018. The key changes included lowering the NOx emissions from 40 to 14 nanograms per Joule (ng/J) and providing more time to comply with the new limit.

Proposed Rule Amendments and Objectives

Based on concerns with the availability of the 14 ng/J condensing and non-condensing natural gas furnaces for installation in high altitude areas (at or greater than 4,500 feet above the sea level), the South Coast AQMD staff is proposing to allow the manufacturers, distributors, sellers, and installers to sell, distribute and install 40 ng/J furnaces in the high altitude areas until October 1, 2020 with recordkeeping requirements.

California Environmental Quality Act

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and South Coast AQMD Rule 110, the South Coast AQMD, as lead agency for the proposed project, has reviewed Proposed Amended Rule 1111 pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15002(k) and 15061. South Coast AQMD staff has determined that allowing the installation and operation of 40 ng/J furnaces in the high altitude areas for a limited period of time would result in minimal and temporary NOx emission reductions foregone; thus, it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the proposed project may have a significant adverse effect on the environment. Therefore, the proposed project is considered to be exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3). Further, because PAR 1111 will not have statewide, regional or areawide significance, no CEQA scoping meeting is required to be held pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21083.9(a)(2). If the proposed project is approved, the Notice of Exemption will be filed with the county clerks of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino counties.

Available Supporting Documents

The following supporting documents will be available on or before the date of the public consultation meeting:

- Draft Proposed Amended Rule 1111; and
- Draft Board Letter (serves as Staff Report).

To Obtain Copies of the Above Documents

Copies of the proposed amended rule and the draft Board Letter (serves as staff report) will be available on or before the date of the public workshop and may be obtained from:

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South Coast AQMD
21865 Copley Drive
Diamond Bar, CA 91765
(909) 396-2001
PICrequests@aqmd.gov

The documents are also available for download from the South Coast AQMD website at:
http://www.aqmd.gov/home/regulations/rules/proposed-rules

Submission of Documents or Comments

You are invited to attend the meeting and may also send comments, documents or other information relevant as follows:

Rule Comments		**CEQA Comments**
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Written comments on this proposed amended rule should be submitted by November 22, 2019.