

South Coast Air Quality Management District
Notice of Public Workshop

Proposed Amended Rule 1401.1 – Requirements for New and Relocated Facilities Near Schools

Tuesday, December 13, 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 call 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 Amended Rule 1401.1 – Requirements for New and Relocated Facilities Near Schools (PAR 1401.1) which is scheduled for a Public Hearing before the South Coast AQMD Governing Board on March 3, 2023 (subject to change).

Background

South Coast AQMD has a comprehensive regulatory program to reduce public exposure to toxic air contaminants. Rule 1401.1 – Requirements for New and Relocated Facilities Near Schools establishes risk requirements for new and relocated facilities emitting toxic air contaminants located near schools. In 2015, the California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) approved revised Health Risk Assessment Guidelines. The revised guidelines incorporated age sensitivity factors based on data showing early-life exposures to air toxics contribute to an increased estimated lifetime risk of developing cancer and other adverse health effects. Adoption of PAR 1401.1 will reduce public exposure to toxic air contaminants.

Proposed Amended Rule and Objectives

Rule 1401.1 protects children’s health by requiring new and relocated facilities emitting toxic air contaminants located near schools to demonstrate that they shall be below certain cancer risk or hazard thresholds. Rule 1401.1 currently defines a school as a public or private center used for educating 12 or more children in kindergarten and grades 1 to 12, inclusive. Consistent with the findings on early-life exposure from OEHHA, PAR 1401.1 will expand the scope of “school” to include early learning and developmental centers, including those for pre-kindergarten children. PAR 1401.1 may also include other minor revisions to improve rule clarity.

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(l) and South Coast AQMD Rule 110), the South Coast AQMD, as lead agency, is currently reviewing the proposed project (PAR 1401.1) 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 no later than December 9, 2022:

- Preliminary Draft of Proposed Amended Rule 1401.1; and
- Preliminary Draft Staff Report for Proposed Amended Rule 1401.1

To Obtain Copies of the Above Documents

Copies of the preliminary draft of the proposed amended rule and the preliminary draft staff report will be available no later than December 9, 2022, and may be obtained from:

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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/rule-1401-1>

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

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Written comments on PAR 1401.1 should be submitted by **January 3, 2023**.