South Coast Air Quality Management District Notice of Public Workshop and CEQA Scoping Meeting

Proposed Amended Rule 1110.2 – Emissions from Gaseous- and Liquid-Fueled Engines and Proposed Amended Rule 1100 – Implementation Schedule for NOx Facilities

Wednesday, July 31, 2019
1:00 pm
South Coast AQMD Headquarters Auditorium
21865 Copley Drive
Diamond Bar, CA 91765

Purpose of This Meeting

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) has scheduled a public workshop and CEQA scoping meeting to present and solicit information and comments on Proposed Amended Rule (PAR) 1110.2 – Emissions from Gaseous- and Liquid-Fueled Engines, and PAR 1100 – Implementation Schedule for NOx Facilities. PARs 1110.2 and 1100 are scheduled for a public hearing before the South Coast AQMD Governing Board on October 4, 2019.

Rule Background

PAR 1110.2 is being amended to facilitate the transition of equipment and facilities in the NOx Regional Clean Air Incentives Market (RECLAIM) program to a command-and-control regulatory structure and to implement the 2016 Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP) Control Measure CMB-05 – Further NOx Reductions from RECLAIM Assessment. In addition, California State Assembly Bill 617 (AB 617), which was signed by the Governor on July 26, 2017, affects RECLAIM facilities that are also in the California Greenhouse Gas Cap and Trade program and requires implementation of Best Available Retrofit Control Technology (BARCT) no later than December 31, 2023, with priority given to older, higher polluting units.

Objective of Proposed Amended Rules

PAR 1110.2 will apply to RECLAIM and non-RECLAIM facilities with internal combustion engines with a rating greater than 50 brake horsepower. Engines at existing RECLAIM facilities will be required to comply with existing Rule 1110.2 NOx emission limits and monitoring, reporting, and recordkeeping requirements. PAR 1110.2 will also establish ammonia limits and will clarify the applicability for engines operated at remote radio transmission towers. The proposed amendments will also include other clarifications for existing provisions. PAR 1100 is being amended to establish the compliance schedule for equipment at RECLAIM facilities that will be subject to PAR 1110.2.

California Environmental Quality Act

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and South Coast AQMD's Certified Regulatory Program (Rule 110), the South Coast AQMD, as lead agency for the proposed project, has determined that PARs 1110.2 and 1100 are considered a "project" as defined by CEQA. South Coast AQMD staff has determined that the proposed project contains new information of substantial importance which was not known and could not have been known at the time the March

2017 Final Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was certified for the 2016 AQMP (referred to herein as March 2017 Final Program EIR). Because the proposed project may create new, potentially significant effects that were not analyzed in the March 2017 Final Program EIR, the South Coast AQMD will prepare a Subsequent Environmental Assessment (SEA) with significant impacts, which will tier off of the March 2017 Final Program EIR as allowed by CEQA Guidelines Sections 15168 and 15385. The March 2017 Final Program EIR for the 2016 AQMP, upon which this Draft SEA will rely, is available from the South Coast AQMD's website at: http://www.aqmd.gov/home/research/documents-reports/lead-agency-South Coast AQMD-projects/South Coast AQMD

In addition, since the proposed project could have statewide, regional or areawide significance, a CEQA scoping meeting is required to be held pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21083.9(a)(2). The CEQA scoping meeting is scheduled to be held in conjunction with the public workshop. Upon completion, a draft SEA will be released for a 45-day public review and comment period. Comments made at the public workshop/CEQA scoping meeting and responses to the comments will be included in the Final SEA.

Comments and suggestions regarding the CEQA analysis may be directed to:

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Available Supporting Documents

The following supporting documents are available:

- Proposed Amended Rule 1110.2 Emissions from Gaseous- and Liquid-Fueled Engines
- Proposed Amended Rule 1100 Implementation Schedule for NOx Facilities
- Preliminary Draft Staff Report for PARs 1110.2 and 1100

To Obtain Copies of the Above Documents

Copies of the proposed amended rules, the preliminary draft staff report, and March 2017 Final Program EIR for the 2016 AQMP may be obtained from:

Ms. Fabian Wesson Public Information Center South Coast Air Quality Management District 21865 Copley Drive Diamond Bar, CA 91765

Phone: (909) 396-2039

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The proposed amended rules and the preliminary draft staff report documents are also available for download from the South Coast AQMD website at:

http://www.aqmd.gov/home/rules-compliance/rules/scaqmd-rule-book/proposed-rules#1110.2

Submission of Documents or Comments

You are invited to attend the meeting and may also send comments, documents, or other information relevant to the proposed amended rules listed above to:

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Written comments on these rules should be submitted by August 14, 2019.