

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED ADOPTION OF, OR AMENDMENT TO,
THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

**RE: Proposed Amended Rule 1426 – Emissions from Metal Finishing Operations
and Proposed Amended Rule 1469 – Hexavalent Chromium Emissions from
Chromium Electroplating and Chromic Acid Anodizing Operations**

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, April 2, 2021 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. Given the health and safety concerns regarding the coronavirus (COVID-19), this meeting will be conducted via webcast with opportunities for public comment. Please refer to the instructions on the 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 1426 (PAR 1426) and Proposed Amended Rule 1469 (PAR 1469). PAR 1426 will reduce fugitive emissions of hexavalent chromium, nickel, cadmium, and lead from metal finishing facilities that have tanks containing one or more of these metals by establishing requirements for building enclosures, housekeeping, and best management practices. Some of those requirements pertaining to hexavalent chromium are being proposed to now be consolidated into PAR 1469 to streamline implementation for those facilities. Additional amendments to Rule 1469 are proposed to remove reference to a chemical that is no longer used for testing HEPA filters and to clarify a reference for recordkeeping.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the proposed amendments to Rule 1426 and Rule 1469 implements Section 112 of the 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 the rules proposed for amendment.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Sections 15002(k) and 15061, the proposed project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 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 State Clearinghouse of the Governor's Office of Planning and Research.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the South Coast AQMD staff has prepared the following documents relevant to the proposed amended rules, including:

Proposed Amended Rules 1426 and 1469
Staff Report including the Comparative Analysis for Proposed Amended Rules 1426 and 1469
Socioeconomic Assessment for Proposed Amended Rules 1426 and 1469, included in the Staff Report

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>, or by calling the South Coast AQMD's Public Information Center at (909) 396-2001, or from: Mr. Derrick Alatorre - Deputy Executive Officer/Public Advisor, South Coast AQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765, (909) 396-2432, dalatorre@aqmd.gov.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that at the conclusion of the public hearing, the South Coast AQMD Board may make other modifications to PAR 1426 and PAR 1469, which are justified by the evidence presented, or may decline to adopt them.

Questions, comments or requests for clarification regarding PAR 1426 and PAR 1469 can be directed to Min Sue, msue@aqmd.gov, (909) 396-3241. CEQA inquiries can be directed to Kevin Ni, kni@aqmd.gov, (909) 396-2462. Socioeconomic Assessment inquiries can be directed to Brian Vlasich, bvlasich@aqmd.gov, (909) 396-2167. Comments and inquiries can also be submitted to the attention of the above person(s) to Planning, Rule Development and Area Sources, South Coast AQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765.

Interested persons may provide oral or written statements at the public hearing. Individuals who wish to submit written or electronic comments must submit such comments to the Clerk of the Board, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA, 91765-4178, (909) 396-2500, or to cob@aqmd.gov on or before Tuesday, March 30, 2021.

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. Please contact the Clerk of the Boards Office, South Coast AQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765-4178, at (909) 396-2500 (for TTY, 909-396-3560) from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, or send the request to PICrequests@aqmd.gov.

DATED: February 25, 2021

FAYE THOMAS
Clerk of the Boards