

South Coast Air Quality Management District
Notice of Public Workshop
Proposed Rule 1159.1 – Control of NO_x Emissions from Nitric Acid Tanks

Wednesday, September 25, 2024
3:00 p.m.

Join Zoom Webinar Meeting – from PC or Laptop
<https://scaqmd.zoom.us/j/95812953504>
Zoom Webinar ID: 958 1295 3504
Teleconference Dial-In: +1 (669) 900-6833

(Please note if the Zoom meeting link provided does not work, copy the link into web browser, or directly enter the meeting ID into the Zoom web or mobile application)

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 6, 2024 (subject to change).

Background

Nitric acid is used in operations such as metal finishing, precious metal reclamation and expanded graphite foil production, and 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. PR 1159.1 establishes Best Available Retrofit Control Technology (BARCT) emission limits for NO_x and other requirements for nitric acid tanks where the reaction or decomposition takes place. 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 will reduce NO_x emissions by establishing NO_x emission limits for nitric acid tanks at RECLAIM (REgional CLean Air Incentives Market), former RECLAIM, and non-RECLAIM facilities. The proposed rule includes requirements such as compliance schedules, requirements for installation of controls, parametric monitoring, recordkeeping, and source testing.

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 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15251(1); codified in 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 made available on or before September 20, 2024:

- Preliminary Draft of PR 1159.1; and

- Preliminary Draft Staff Report for PR 1159.1

To Obtain Copies of the Above Documents

Copies of the preliminary draft proposed rule and preliminary draft staff report may be obtained from:

Derrick Alatorre/Public Advisor
South Coast AQMD
21865 Copley Drive
Diamond Bar, CA 91765
Phone: (909) 396-2432
Email: PublicAdvisor@aqmd.gov

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.

Key Contacts for Submitting Questions and Comments

Attendees are invited to ask questions and make comments during the Public Workshop. Questions, comments, documents, studies, reports, or other relevant information may be directed to the following contacts:

PR 1159.1:

Min Sue

Planning, Rule Development and Implementation

South Coast Air Quality Management District

21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765

Email: msue@aqmd.gov

Phone: (909)396-3241

CEQA:

Sina Taghvaei, Ph.D.

Planning, Rule Development and Implementation, CEQA Section

South Coast Air Quality Management District

21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765

Email: staghvaei@aqmd.gov

Phone: (909) 396-2192

Staff requests written comments on PR 1159.1 be submitted no later than October 4, 2024.