

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED ADOPTION OF, OR AMENDMENT TO, THE RULES AND REGULATIONS
OF THE SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
AND PROPOSED SUBMISSION INTO THE STATE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

**RE: Proposed Amended Rule 1111 – Reduction of NOx Emissions from Natural Gas-Fired
Furnaces; and
Proposed Amended Rule 1121 – Reduction of NOx Emissions from Residential Type,
Natural Gas-Fired Water Heaters**

*****THIS NOTICE SUPERSEDES THE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR THIS
RULEMAKING PROCESS, SCHEDULED FOR A FEBRUARY 7, 2025, BOARD
MEETING*****

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, **May 2, 2025**, in the Dr. William A. Burke Auditorium at South Coast AQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765, 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. The meeting will be conducted through a hybrid format of in-person and/or virtual attendance via videoconferencing and by telephone with opportunities for public comment. Please refer to the instructions on 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 1111 – Reduction of NOx Emissions from Natural Gas-Fired Furnaces (PAR 1111) and Proposed Amended Rule 1121 – Reduction of NOx Emissions from Residential Type, Natural Gas-Fired Water Heaters (PAR 1121). The objectives of PAR 1111 and PAR 1121 are to implement the 2022 Air Quality Management Plan Control Measures R-CMB-02 – Emission Reductions from Replacement with Zero Emission or Low NOx Appliances – Residential Space Heating and R-CMB-01 – Emission Reductions from Replacement with Zero Emission or Low NOx Appliances – Residential Water Heating. PAR 1111 and PAR 1121 propose zero-NOx emission limits for new space and water heating appliance installations based on future effective dates, with compliance dates differentiated for units installed in new or existing buildings. The proposed amended rules include an alternative compliance option applicable to manufacturers, which establishes zero-NOx emission space and water heating appliance sales targets that increase over time, paired with a mitigation fee. PAR 1111 and PAR 1121 specify certification, informative materials, labeling, recordkeeping, reporting requirements, alternative compliance options, and exemptions.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that PAR 1111 and PAR 1121 will be submitted to the California Air Resources Board and the United States Environmental Protection Agency for inclusion into the State Implementation Plan.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that PAR 1111 and PAR 1121 implements Sections 110, 172, and 182(e) of the federal 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 existing and proposed South Coast AQMD rules and regulations, and all pollution control requirements and guidelines that apply to the same equipment or source type as PAR 1111 and PAR 1121.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the South Coast AQMD staff will prepare and make available the following documents on or before April 1, 2025, for consideration by the South Coast AQMD Governing Board, including:

- Draft PAR 1111 and PAR 1121
- Draft Staff Report for PAR 1111 and PAR 1121
- Comparative Analysis for PAR 1111 and PAR 1121, included in the Draft Staff Report
- Draft Subsequent Environmental Assessment for PAR 1111 and PAR 1121
- Draft Socioeconomic Impact Assessment for PAR 1111 and PAR 1121

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the above documents may be obtained on or before April 1, 2025, from the South Coast AQMD website at <https://www.aqmd.gov/home/rules-compliance/rules/scaqmd-rule-book/proposed-rules/rule-1111-and-rule-1121>, or by calling the Public Information Center at (909) 396-2001, or from: Lisa Tanaka – Deputy Executive Officer/Public Advisor, South Coast AQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765, (909) 396-2432, PublicAdvisor@aqmd.gov.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that at the conclusion of the public hearing, consistent with Health and Safety Code Section 40726, the South Coast AQMD Governing Board may make other modifications to PAR 1111 and PAR 1121, which are justified by the evidence presented, or may decline to adopt some or all of the proposed amendments.

Please direct questions, comments, or requests for clarification regarding PAR 1111 and PAR 1121 to Jen Vinh, jvinh@aqmd.gov, (909) 396-2148; CEQA inquiries to Jivar Afshar, jafshar@aqmd.gov, (909) 396-2040; and Socioeconomic Impact Assessment inquiries to Xian-Liang (Tony) Tian, tian@aqmd.gov, (909) 396-2323. Comments and inquiries can also be submitted to the attention of the above person(s) to Planning, Rule Development, and Implementation, South Coast AQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765.

Interested persons may provide oral or written statements at the Public Hearing. Ten (10) copies of all hard copy written materials must be submitted to the Clerk of the Boards. Individuals who wish to submit written or electronic comments must submit such comments to the Clerk of the Boards, South Coast AQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA, 91765-4178, (909) 396-2500, or to cob@aqmd.gov, on or before 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 29, 2025.

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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 cob@aqmd.gov.

DATED: March 20, 2025

FAYE THOMAS
Clerk of the Boards