

South Coast Air Quality Management District  
Notice of Public Workshop

**PROPOSED AMENDED RULE (PAR) 1111 – REDUCTION OF NO<sub>x</sub> EMISSIONS  
FROM NATURAL-GAS-FIRED, FAN-TYPE CENTRAL FURNACES**

Thursday, November 14, 2019

2:00 p.m.

South Coast AQMD Headquarters  
21865 Copley Drive  
Diamond Bar, CA 91765  
Conference Room GB

***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 regarding **Proposed Amended Rule 1111 – Reduction of NO<sub>x</sub> Emissions From Natural-Gas-Fired, Fan-Type Central Furnaces**. Proposed Amended Rule (PAR) 1111 is scheduled for a Public Hearing before the South Coast AQMD Governing Board on December 6, 2019.

***Rule Background***

Rule 1111 was adopted by the South Coast AQMD Governing Board in December 1978. This rule was amended in 1983, 2009, 2014 and 2018. The key changes included lowering the NO<sub>x</sub> emissions from 40 to 14 nanograms per Joule (ng/J) and providing more time to comply with the new limit.

***Proposed Rule Amendments and Objectives***

Based on concerns about the availability of 14 ng/J condensing and non-condensing natural gas furnaces for installation in high altitude areas (at or greater than 4,500 feet above sea level), South Coast AQMD staff is proposing to allow manufacturers, distributors, sellers, and installers to sell, distribute and install 40 ng/J furnaces in the high altitude areas until October 1, 2020, with recordkeeping and reporting requirements.

***California Environmental Quality Act***

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and South Coast AQMD Rule 110, the South Coast AQMD, as lead agency for the proposed project, has reviewed Proposed Amended Rule 1111 pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15002(k) and 15061. South Coast AQMD staff has determined that allowing the installation and operation of 40 ng/J furnaces in the high altitude areas for a limited period of time would result in minimal and temporary NO<sub>x</sub> emission reductions foregone; thus, it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the proposed project may have a significant adverse effect on the environment. Therefore, the proposed project is considered to be exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3). Further, because PAR 1111 will not have statewide, regional or areawide significance, no CEQA scoping meeting is required to be held pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21083.9(a)(2). If the proposed project is approved, the Notice of Exemption will be filed with the county clerks of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino counties.

***Available Supporting Documents***

The following supporting documents will be available on or before the date of the public workshop:

- Draft Proposed Amended Rule 1111; and
- Draft Board Letter (serves as Draft Staff Report).

***To Obtain Copies of the Above Documents***

Copies of the proposed amended rule and the draft Board Letter (serves as draft staff report) will be available on or before the date of the public workshop and may be obtained from:

Fabian Wesson  
Public Information Center  
South Coast AQMD  
21865 Copley Drive  
Diamond Bar, CA 91765  
(909) 396-2001  
[PICrequests@aqmd.gov](mailto:PICrequests@aqmd.gov)

The documents are also available for download from the South Coast AQMD website at:

<http://www.aqmd.gov/home/regulations/rules/proposed-rules>

***Submission of Documents or Comments***

You are invited to attend the meeting and may also send comments, documents or other information relevant as follows:

<b>Rule Comments</b>		<b>CEQA Comments</b>
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Written comments on this proposed amended rule should be submitted by November 22, 2019.