

South Coast Air Quality Management District Notice of Public Workshops

Proposed Rule 2305 – Warehouse Indirect Source Rule (ISR) - Warehouse Actions and Investments to Reduce Emissions (WAIRE) Program; and Proposed Rule 316 – Fees for Rule 2305

PUBLIC WORKSHOP

Tuesday, February 16, 2021

4:30 p.m.

<https://scaqmd.zoom.us/j/98170661356>

(English and Spanish)

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COMMUNITY MEETING

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6:00 p.m.

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To be consistent with Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20 (March 17, 2020) and to ensure safe social distancing is practiced, the Public Workshop and Community Meeting will be conducted via video conferencing (Zoom), which can be accessed via your computer or smart phone using the information provided above. Alternatively, participants may dial in using the number provided. We understand that this is not the same as a face to face public meeting; however, staff will take the time to listen to comments from the public and all stakeholders.

Purpose of These Meetings

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) has scheduled a community meeting and public workshop to present information and solicit comments from the public on Proposed Rule (PR) 2305 – Warehouse Indirect Source Rule – Warehouse Actions and Investments to Reduce Emissions (WAIRE) Program; and PR 316 – Fees for Rule 2305. PR 2305 and PR 316 are scheduled for adoption consideration at a public hearing before the South Coast AQMD Governing Board on April 2, 2021.

Proposed Rule 2305 and Proposed Rule 316 Background

PR 2305 would apply to operators and owners of existing and new warehouses with floor space equal to or greater than 100,000 square feet within a single building. These facilities are used to receive, store, and serve as a distribution point for goods. The majority of emissions associated with warehouses are from on-road vehicles such as trucks that deliver goods, and off-road vehicles such as cargo handling equipment. PR 2305 would require facilities to annually take actions that either reduce emissions, or that facilitate emission reductions. PR 316 has been developed to establish fees to be paid by warehouse operators subject to PR 2305 to recover South Coast AQMD administrative costs associated with ensuring compliance with PR 2305.

Objectives and Summaries of Proposed Rules

The objective of PR 2305 is to reduce regional and local emissions associated with warehouses to assist in meeting state and federal ozone and fine Particulate Matter (PM) air quality standards. The key pollutants of interest for PR 2305 include nitrogen oxides (NOx, a key precursor pollutant for ozone and fine PM) and Diesel PM (a component of fine PM, and a toxic air contaminant). Under PR 2305, warehouse operators will be required to annually comply with one or more of three options. First, they may choose to implement actions from a prescribed menu. Menu items include actions such as purchasing or ensuring the use of near-zero (NZE) or zero emissions (ZE) trucks or ZE cargo handling equipment, installing fueling/charging infrastructure for ZE vehicles, installing and

using solar panels, or installing filtration for building ventilation systems at nearby sensitive land uses such as schools to reduce exposure to PM. Second, they may choose to prepare and implement a site-specific custom plan from actions that are not on the menu. Custom plans could include onsite and offsite measures within the control of the operator that can be demonstrated to reduce emissions of NO_x and/or diesel PM. Finally, they could instead choose to pay a mitigation fee to South Coast AQMD. These funds would then be used to provide financial incentives for truck owners to purchase NZE or ZE trucks, or for the installation of fueling and charging infrastructure. Funds would be directed towards projects in the communities near warehouses that paid the fee. Warehouse operators and owners would also have reporting and recordkeeping requirements. The objective of PR 316 is to recover the cost of South Coast AQMD programs related to PR 2305. Fees will be required for actions requiring South Coast AQMD resources, such as enforcement and plan reviews.

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, CEQA Guidelines Section 15251(l) and South Coast AQMD Rule 110), the South Coast AQMD, as lead agency for the proposed project, prepared and circulated a Notice of Preparation/Initial Study for a 32-day public review and comment period between Friday, November 13, 2020 and Tuesday, December 15, 2020. South Coast AQMD is preparing a Draft Environmental Assessment that will also be circulated for public review and comment.

Available Supporting Documents

Copies of the following supporting documents are available:

- PR 2305 – Warehouse Indirect Source Rule – Warehouse Actions and Investments to Reduce Emissions (WAIRE) Program
- PR 316 – Fees for Rule 2305
- Preliminary Draft Staff Report for PR 2305 and PR 316

These documents and others related to this rulemaking may be accessed from the South Coast AQMD website at: <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/rules-compliance/rules/scaqmd-rule-book/proposed-rules#2305>

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 District. Please contact Ian MacMillan at (909) 396-3244 from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, or send the request to imacmillan@aqmd.gov.

Submission of Documents or Comments

You are invited to attend the meetings electronically through Zoom. Instructions on how to participate can be found on page 1 of this notice. You may also send comments, documents, or other relevant information to:

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Written comments on the proposed rules should be submitted by March 2, 2021 at 5 pm.