

South Coast Air Quality Management District

Notice of Public Workshop

Proposed Amended Rule 1173 – Control of Volatile Organic Compound Leaks and Releases from Components at Petroleum Facilities and Chemical Plants

July 26, 2024

Time: 9:00 AM

Webinar Meeting Link: <https://scaqmd.zoom.us/j/95683547797>

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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 Meeting

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) has scheduled a Public Workshop for July 25, 2024, to present and solicit information and suggestions from the public on Proposed Amended Rule 1173 – Control of Volatile Organic Compound Leaks and Releases from Components at Petroleum Facilities and Chemical Plants (PAR 1173), which is scheduled for a Public Hearing before the South Coast AQMD Governing Board on October 4, 2024 (subject to change).

Rule Background

Rule 1173 controls volatile organic compound (VOC) leaks from components and releases from atmospheric process pressure relief devices. Rule 1173 applies to refineries, chemical plants, lubricating oil and grease refineries, marine terminals, oil and gas production fields, natural gas processing plants, and pipeline transfer stations.

Proposed Amended Rule and Objectives

PAR 1173 was developed in response to priorities in the Wilmington, Carson, West Long Beach Community Emission Reduction Plan and to implement the 2022 Air Quality Management Plan Control Measure FUG-01: Improved Leak Detection and Repair, both of which are committed to improved leak detection requirements in South Coast AQMD rules. The objective of PAR 1173 is to further reduce VOC emissions from components by requiring the use of enhanced leak detection technology at greater frequencies and establishing lower leak standards. Additionally, PAR 1173 will introduce contingency measures to partially satisfy Clean Air Act contingency requirements for applicable ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards in the South Coast AQMD's jurisdiction.

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, is currently reviewing the proposed project (PAR 1173) 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 no later than July TBD, 2024:

- Preliminary Draft PAR 1173; and
- Preliminary Draft Staff Report for PAR 1173

To Obtain Copies of the Above Documents

Copies of the Preliminary Draft of PAR 1173 and the associated Preliminary Draft Staff Report may be obtained from:

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The documents will also be available for download from the South Coast AQMD website at:
<https://www.aqmd.gov/home/rules-compliance/rules/scaqmd-rule-book/proposed-rules/rule-1173>

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 Michael Morris at (909) 396-3282 from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, or send the request to mmorris@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, or other relevant information may also be directed to:

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Staff requests written comments on PAR 1173 be submitted no later than **August 8, 2024**.