

South Coast Air Quality Management District
Notice of Public Workshop

Proposed Amended Rule 3002 – Requirements

Wednesday, October 2, 2024
9:30 am

Join Zoom Webinar Meeting – from PC or Laptop

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The Public Workshop will be conducted via video conferencing (Zoom), which can be accessed via personal 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 by 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 Amended Rule 3002 – Requirements (PAR 3002) which is scheduled for a Public Hearing before the South Coast AQMD Governing Board on January 10, 2025 (subject to change).

Background

Title V facilities are the highest emitting facilities in South Coast AQMD as determined by meeting and/or surpassing the applicable emission thresholds of any pollutants in Rule 3001 – Applicability. Rule 3002 – Requirements establishes requirements for Title V facilities and specifies the conditions for an affirmative defense for non-compliance during an emergency. Rule 3002 also includes greenhouse gas emission provisions that trigger applicability for a facility to obtain a Title V permit, but that are not being implemented due to the U.S. Supreme Court’s 2014 decision in *Utility Air Regulation Group v. EPA*. PAR 3002 was initiated in response to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) removing the emergency affirmative defense provisions from Title V operating permit regulations.

Objective of Proposed Amended Rule

PAR 3002 will remove emergency affirmative defense provisions to be consistent with U.S. EPA’s Title V operating permit program regulations. PAR 3002 will also remove certain provisions relating to U.S. EPA’s greenhouse gas tailoring rule that are not being implemented.

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 3002) 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 available no later than September 27, 2024:

- Preliminary Draft of PAR 3002; and
- Preliminary Draft Board Letter for PAR 3002 (serves as Staff Report)

To Obtain Copies of the Above Documents

Copies of the Preliminary Draft PAR 3002 and the Preliminary Draft Board Letter may be obtained from:

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

The documents will also 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-3002>

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 (Government 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, studies, reports, or other relevant information may also be directed to:

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Staff requests written comments on PAR 3002 be submitted no later than October 16, 2024.