

South Coast Air Quality Management District  
Notice of Public Workshop

**PROPOSED AMENDED RULE 1153.1 –  
EMISSIONS OF OXIDES OF NITROGEN FROM COMMERCIAL FOOD OVENS**

Thursday March 30, 2023  
1:00 p.m.

Join Zoom 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. 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 1153.1 – Emissions of Oxides of Nitrogen from Commercial Food Ovens (PAR 1153.1) which is scheduled for a Public Hearing before the South Coast AQMD Governing Board on May 5, 2023 (subject to change).

***Background***

Rule 1153.1 establishes NO<sub>x</sub> limits for commercial food ovens at non-RECLAIM facilities. The 2016 Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP) included Control Measure CMB-05 – Further NO<sub>x</sub> Reductions from RECLAIM Assessment which committed to an assessment of the REgional Clean Air Incentives Market (RECLAIM) program in order to achieve further emission reductions of five tons per day of oxides of nitrogen (NO<sub>x</sub>) to help the Basin achieve state and federal ozone air quality standards. Upon adoption of the 2016 AQMP, the Governing Board further committed to take the actions to sunset the NO<sub>x</sub> RECLAIM program and transition to a command-and-control regulatory structure requiring Best Available Retrofit Control Technology (BARCT) to achieve the proposed NO<sub>x</sub> emission limits. PAR 1153.1 will facilitate the transition of commercial food ovens located at six facilities currently in the RECLAIM program to a command-and-control regulatory structure. In addition, the 2022 AQMP established NO<sub>x</sub> reductions targets that require the transition to zero-emission technologies wherever feasible.

***Objective of Proposed Amended Rule***

PAR 1153.1 will partially implement Control Measure CMB-05 in the 2016 AQMP, partially implement the zero-emission technology goals in the 2022 AQMP, and meet the requirements of Assembly Bill 617 requiring BARCT on all industrial sources and implementing BARCT requirements for Green House Gas Cap-and-Trade facilities. PAR 1153.1 applies to RECLAIM and non-RECLAIM facilities that operate commercial food ovens. The proposed amended rule updates NO<sub>x</sub> emission limits to reflect current BARCT emission limits and establishes a compliance schedule based on the end of unit life. Replacement based on unit life and natural turnover will address stranded assets for facilities that have recently installed new units to meet the existing rule requirements. PAR 1153.1 also clarifies and updates rule language, restructures the rule, and removes outdated rule language.

***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 1153.1) 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 March 18, 2023:

- Preliminary Draft Proposed Amended Rule 1153.1 – Emissions of Oxides of Nitrogen from Commercial Food Ovens
- Preliminary Draft Staff Report for Proposed Amended Rule 1153.1

**To Obtain Copies of the Above Documents**

Copies of the preliminary draft proposed amended rule and 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:

<http://www.aqmd.gov/home/rules-compliance/rules/scaqmd-rule-book/proposed-rules/rule-1153-1>

**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 Heather Farr at (909) 396-3672 from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, or send the request to [hfarr@aqmd.gov](mailto:hfarr@aqmd.gov).

**Submission of Documents or Comments**

Please submit any relevant comments, documents, studies, reports, or other relevant information to the contact information listed below.

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Written comments on PAR 1153.1 should be submitted by **April 14, 2023**.