

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED ADOPTION OF, OR AMENDMENT TO, THE RULES AND REGULATIONS
OF THE SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

**RE: Proposed Amended Rule 1180 – Fenceline and Community Air Monitoring for
Petroleum Refineries and Related Facilities
and
Proposed Rule 1180.1 – Fenceline and Community Air Monitoring for Other Refineries**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing on the matter of adoption of rules and regulations for the South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD), or the amendments thereto, will be held **at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, January 5, 2024 in the Dr. William A. Burke Auditorium at South Coast AQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765**, at which time evidence will be taken and all interested persons will be heard by the South Coast AQMD Governing Board. The meeting will be conducted through a hybrid format of in-person and/or virtual attendance via videoconferencing and by telephone with opportunities for public comment. Please refer to the South Coast AQMD’s website for information regarding the format of the Public Hearing, updates if the meeting is changed to a full remote via webcast format, and details on how to participate: <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/news-events/meeting-agendas-minutes>.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the South Coast AQMD is considering the adoption of Proposed Amended Rule 1180 – Fenceline and Community Air Monitoring for Petroleum Refineries and Related Facilities (PAR 1180) and Proposed Rule 1180.1 – Fenceline and Community Air Monitoring for Other Refineries (PR 1180.1). The objective of PAR 1180 and PR 1180.1 is to address a lawsuit filed against South Coast AQMD (Los Angeles Superior Court, Case No. 22STCP04398) relative to exempting refineries with capacities less than 40,000 barrels per day and incorporate other updates. PAR 1180 will require air monitoring by additional facilities, monitoring of additional air pollutants identified in the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment report, “Analysis of Refinery Chemical Emissions and Health Effects,” finalized in March 2019 (OEHHA report), conducting a root cause analysis when air pollutants are detected above a notification threshold, and independent-party audits of monitoring systems. PAR 1180 will also update definitions and clarify rule language. PR 1180.1 will establish fenceline and community air monitoring requirements similar to PAR 1180 for smaller refineries that are not currently subject to PAR 1180. In addition, South Coast AQMD will consider adopting Rule 1180 and Rule 1180.1 Fenceline Air Monitoring Plan Guidelines, which detail what is needed to complete a fenceline monitoring plan.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that PAR 1180 and PR 1180.1 will not be submitted for inclusion into the State Implementation Plan.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a written analysis pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 40727.2 has been prepared that identifies all existing state and federal air pollution control requirements, all existing and proposed South Coast AQMD rules and regulations, and all pollution control requirements and guidelines that apply to the same equipment or source type as PAR 1180 and PR 1180.1 proposed for amendment and adoption.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Sections 15002(k) and 15061, the proposed project (PAR 1180 and PR 1180.1) is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15061(b)(3) and 15306. Further, there is no substantial evidence indicating that any of the exceptions in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 apply to the proposed project. A Notice of Exemption will be prepared pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15062, and if the proposed project is approved, the Notice of Exemption will be filed for posting with the State Clearinghouse of the Governor's Office of Planning and Research, and with the county clerks of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino Counties.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the South Coast AQMD staff has prepared documents, for consideration by the South Coast AQMD Governing Board, including:

- Draft PAR 1180
- Draft PR 1180.1
- Draft Staff Report for PAR 1180 and PR 1180.1
- Draft Rule 1180 and Rule 1180.1 Fenceline Air Monitoring Plan Guidelines
- Draft Socioeconomic Impact Assessment for PAR 1180 and PR 1180.1

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the above documents may be obtained from the South Coast AQMD website at <https://www.aqmd.gov/home/rules-compliance/rules/scaqmd-rule-book/proposed-rules/rule-1180>, or by calling the Public Information Center at (909) 396-2001, or from: Mr. Derrick Alatorre – Deputy Executive Officer/Public Advisor, South Coast AQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765, (909) 396-2432, PublicAdvisor@aqmd.gov.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that at the conclusion of the public hearing, consistent with Health and Safety Code Section 40726, the South Coast AQMD Governing Board may make other modifications to PAR 1180 and PR 1180.1, which are justified by the evidence presented, or may decline to adopt some or all of the proposed amendments or rule.

Please direct questions, comments, or requests for clarification regarding PAR 1180 and/or PR 1180.1 to Mojtaba Moghani, Ph.D., mmoghani@aqmd.gov, (909) 396-2527 or Jennifer Vinh, jvinh@aqmd.gov, (909) 396-2148. Please direct CEQA inquiries to Farzaneh Khalaj, Ph.D., fkhalaj@aqmd.gov, (909) 396-3022, and Socioeconomic Impact Assessment inquiries to Tony Tian, Ph.D., tian@aqmd.gov, (909) 396-2323. Comments and inquiries can also be submitted to the attention of the above person(s) to Planning, Rule Development, and Implementation, South Coast AQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765.

Interested persons may provide oral or written statements at the Public Hearing. Ten (10) copies of all hard copy written materials must be submitted to the Clerk of the Boards. Individuals who wish to submit written or electronic comments must submit such comments to the Clerk of the Boards, South Coast AQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA, 91765-4178, (909) 396-2500, or to cob@aqmd.gov, on or before 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 2, 2024.

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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 the Clerk of the Boards Office, South Coast AQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA, 91765-4178, at (909) 396-2500 (for TTY, 909-396-3560) from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, or send the request to cob@aqmd.gov.

DATED: November 21, 2023

FAYE THOMAS
Clerk of the Boards