

South Coast Air Quality Management District
Notice of Public Workshop

PROPOSED RULE 403.2 – FUGITIVE DUST FROM LARGE ROADWAY PROJECTS

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

1:00 PM

Webinar Meeting Link: <https://scaqmd.zoom.us/j/91843096529>

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To ensure we are practicing safe distancing, the Public Workshop will only 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 a face-to-face public meeting; however, staff will take the time to listen to comments from all stakeholders. You are invited to attend the meeting remotely 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 regarding Proposed Rule (PR) 403.2 – Fugitive Dust from Large Roadway Projects. PR 403.2 is scheduled for a Public Hearing before the South Coast AQMD Governing Board on May 6, 2022 (subject to change).

Rule Background

PR 403.2 applies to large roadway projects with the potential for fugitive dust impacts on near road communities. The purpose of PR 403.2 is to reduce air quality impacts resulting from fugitive dust sources generated from large roadway construction projects such as aggregate crushing and grinding operations, construction/demolition activities and equipment, and material piles. PR 403.2 would supplement other existing rules relating to fugitive dust including Rule 403 - Fugitive Dust and Rule 1157 - PM10 Emission Reductions from Aggregate and Related Operations. Existing Rule 403 is broadly applicable to sites with the potential to generate fugitive dust, and requires actions to mitigate and prevent dust emissions. Existing Rule 1157 focuses on reducing dust from aggregate operations. PR 403.2 would supplement existing rules by adding specific requirements for large roadway projects.

Objective of Proposed Rule

PR 403.2 will specifically address dust control from large roadway projects in near road communities beyond requirements in existing rules. If adopted, PR 403.2 will reduce particulate matter (PM) emissions from large roadway construction projects. This would improve air quality for near roadway communities who are already disproportionately burdened by PM impacts from vehicles travelling on large roadways. Under PR 403.2, a large roadway project would be defined as a roadway with more than 100,000 vehicles per day and adjacent locations at which road construction project emission sources are located. These include activities capable of generating fugitive dust such as crushing and grinding/earth moving/construction/demolition activities, disturbed surface areas, heavy- and light-duty vehicular movement on paved or unpaved roads, or material piles. PR 403.2 would prohibit aggregate operations, crushing and grinding operations and material piles to be located at a large roadway project that is within 100 feet of any property line (excluding emergency activities/operations) of an area of public exposure (e.g., parks, commercial buildings, and recreational open areas) or a sensitive receptor (e.g., homes, schools, and hospitals). A large roadway project would also be required to take additional measures when located within 500 feet of an area of public exposure or with 1,000 feet of a sensitive receptor. These additional measures would include providing mandatory notification about the project before project implementation, additional or

increased fugitive dust control measures, project perimeter signage, recordkeeping on dust suppression efforts and the appointment of a dust control supervisor responsible for ensuring rule compliance.

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 (PR 403.2) to determine if it will result in any potential adverse environmental impacts. Appropriate CEQA documentation will be prepared based on the analysis.

Questions regarding the CEQA analysis may be directed to:

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Available Supporting Documents

The following supporting documents will be available on or before the date of the public workshop:

- Proposed Rule 403.2; and
- Preliminary Draft Staff Report for Proposed Rule 403.2

These documents may be accessed from the South Coast AQMD website on or before the date of the public workshop at:

<http://www.aqmd.gov/home/rules-compliance/rules/scaqmd-rule-book/proposed-rules#PR403.2>

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 George Wu at (909) 396-2533 from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, or send the request to gwu@aqmd.gov.

Submission of Documents or Comments

You are invited to attend the meeting electronically by Zoom or telephone. 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 this proposed amended rule should be submitted by March 16, 2022.