

**South Coast Air Quality Management District  
Notice of Public Workshop**

**Proposed Amended Rule 1148.1 – Oil and Gas Production Wells**

Date: Thursday, February 1, 2024

Time: 3 pm, PST

Webinar Meeting Link: <https://scaqmd.zoom.us/j/91059546550>

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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 1148.1 – Oil and Gas Production Wells (PAR 1148.1) which is scheduled for a Public Hearing before the South Coast AQMD Governing Board on April 5, 2024 (subject to change).

***Background***

Rule 1148.1 was adopted in March 2004 to reduce emissions of volatile organic compounds, toxic air contaminants, and total organic compounds from the operation and maintenance of wellheads, well cellars, and the handling of produced gas at oil and gas production facilities. Amendments were made in September 2015 to provide enforceable mechanisms to reduce odor nuisance potential from emissions associated with oil and gas production facility operations.

***Objective of Proposed Amended Rule***

The objective of PAR 1148.1 is to reduce emissions from oil and gas production operations. PAR 1148.1 will : 1) add new definitions to clarify the amendments being proposed; 2) require the use of enhanced leak detection technology; 3) require equipment that uses produced gas to meet specific NOx limits and to verify compliance via source tests; 4) require workover rigs to use Tier 4 Final diesel engines; 5) ban the use of odorants that are used to mask odors emanating from oil production sites; and 6) update signage requirements. Additional minor changes to rule language will be made for consistency and clarity.

**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 1148.1) 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 January 19, 2024:

- Preliminary Draft PAR 1148.1; and
- Preliminary Draft Staff Report for PAR 1148.1

**To Obtain Copies of the Above Documents**

Copies of the preliminary draft proposed amended rule and the 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-1148-1>

**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 (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](mailto:mmorris@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 1148.1 should be submitted by February 15, 2024.