

BOARD MEETING DATE: March 1, 2024

AGENDA NO. 2

PROPOSAL: Set Public Hearing April 5, 2024 to Consider Adoption of and/or Amendments to South Coast AQMD Rules and Regulations:

Determine That Proposed Amended Rule 1118 – Control of Emissions from Refinery Flares Is Exempt from CEQA; and Amend Rule 1118

Proposed Amended Rule 1118 (PAR 1118) seeks further control and reduction of flaring and flare related emissions at refineries, hydrogen production plants, and sulfur recovery plants and establishes new requirements to monitor and record flaring data. PAR 1118 will reduce emissions from refinery flares by lowering the SO<sub>2</sub> performance target for general service flares, establish a new NO<sub>x</sub> performance target for hydrogen production plants, and establish a throughput threshold for clean service flares. PAR 1118 will also increase mitigation fees and fulfill AB 617 CERP air quality commitment priorities related to refinery flaring. This action is to adopt the Resolution: 1) Determining that Proposed Amended Rule 1118 – Control of Emissions from Refinery Flares, is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act; and 2) Amending Rule 1118. (Reviewed: Stationary Source Committee, February 16, 2024)

The complete text of the proposed amended rule, staff report, and other supporting documents will be available from the South Coast AQMD's Public Information Center at (909) 396-2001, or Mr. Derrick Alatorre – Deputy Executive Officer/Public Advisor, South Coast AQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765, (909) 396-2432, [dalatorre@aqmd.gov](mailto:dalatorre@aqmd.gov) and on the Internet ([www.aqmd.gov](http://www.aqmd.gov)) as of March 6, 2024.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Set public hearing April 5, 2024 to determine that Proposed Amended Rule 1118 – Control of Emissions from Refinery Flares, is exempt from CEQA; and amend Rule 1118.

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