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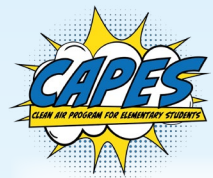
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## REGISTER NOW FOR PROGRAMS THAT TEACH ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ABOUT AIR QUALITY



South Coast AQMD's air quality education programs have begun accepting registrations for the 2023-24 school year. The Clean Air Program for Elementary Students (CAPES) is designed for K-6th grade and Why Healthy Air Matters Program (WHAM) is for middle and high school students. These education programs aim to increase awareness of air quality issues and empower youth to make environmentally-conscious decisions during a time when they are developing and forming their own habits. CAPES offers exciting videos with students' favorite TV stars and an air quality curriculum which aligns with Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). WHAM features virtual guest speakers, educational videos and an NGSS-aligned air quality curriculum with hands-on experiments. Both programs host fun and engaging virtual and in-person events throughout

the year where students can hear from South Coast AQMD experts on ways they can be clean air heroes and about careers they can pursue within the environmental field. Youth organizations, groups and clubs are also eligible to participate. CAPES and WHAM have been received positively by students and teachers alike, with over 58,000 students participating since 2019.

*"I love the program! I want to implement WHAM with all my students every year. I think it's highly relevant to the students and provides instruction in an explorative and interesting manner."  
--Emily Debaca, teacher at Rodia High School*

*"Thank you for the interactive presentation. My students were very excited to have more awareness on air quality and how they can make a difference."  
--Pauline Martinez, teacher at Windrows Elementary School*

For more information and to register your class for the upcoming 2023-24 school year for CAPES or WHAM, contact Iliana Garcia at [igarcia@aqmd.gov](mailto:igarcia@aqmd.gov) or call (909) 396-2420.

## SOUTH COAST AQMD WELCOMES SUMMER GOVERNING BOARD INTERNS



This June, South Coast AQMD welcomed 27 college students to work alongside air quality professionals as part of its Governing Board Summer Internship Program. Throughout the summer, interns participate in a variety of educational experiences in the field of environmental and air quality stewardship, including outreach initiatives, city council meetings, field visits, working alongside supervisors implementing AB 617, permitting, rule development and information management. South Coast AQMD also provides unique opportunities for interns to participate in lab tours, community events, and special programs like our elementary, middle and high school air quality education programs.

Although interns observe a great deal of behind-the-scenes work, they also receive plenty of hands-on experience. Over the course of the eight-week program, they receive a well-rounded education on how South Coast AQMD cleans up one of the most challenging air districts in the United States.

More information on a summer internship at the South Coast AQMD can be found at: [aqmd.gov/careers/governing-board-summer-internship](http://aqmd.gov/careers/governing-board-summer-internship)

## RESIDENTS CAN RECEIVE UP TO \$12,000 FOR UPGRADING TO AN ELECTRIC VEHICLE

At their June 2nd meeting, the South Coast AQMD Governing Board approved \$40 million in funds from the California Air Resources Board for the Replace Your Ride Program. Eligible participants can receive up to \$12,000 per voucher later this fall; an increase from the current amount of \$9,500. These funds can be used to purchase a newer, more fuel-efficient vehicle at reduced cost, in exchange for retiring their older gas or diesel-powered vehicle.



Applicants can also choose to scrap their older vehicle in exchange for a voucher that can be used for an electric bike, car sharing or public transportation passes.

Since the program's inception, South Coast AQMD has provided over \$77 million in funding and replaced over 9,700

older passenger vehicles with newer fuel-efficient vehicles, e-Bikes and transportation vouchers which have resulted in a reduction of 27 tons of nitrogen oxides (NOx), 1.5 tons of particulate matter (PM) and 37,193 tons of greenhouse gas emissions annually. More than 90 percent of the vouchers have been issued to low-income participants residing in disadvantaged communities.

To be eligible for the program, applicants must:

- Not exceed household income requirements based on family size and federal poverty rates
- Own the vehicle for at least 12 months prior to the date of application submittal
- Clear any liens from the vehicle title
- Turn in their older gas- or diesel-powered car for scrapping

For a full list of requirements and to apply for free, please visit [ReplaceYourRide.com](http://ReplaceYourRide.com) and select the "Get Started" tab. If you are interested in applying, please determine your eligibility, or call (844) 797-2223 for further information.

## SOUTH COAST AQMD DEVELOPS THE NATION'S FIRST LABORATORY TESTING PROTOCOL FOR VOC SENSORS

South Coast AQMD recently adopted a first-in-the-nation testing protocol for low-cost Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) sensors. The new protocol is now available to assist other air quality agencies, researchers, and sensor manufacturers to produce more accurate, reliable conditions for VOC sensors in laboratory settings.

Major sources of VOCs in urban areas come from vehicle emissions, gasoline evaporation, and industrial sources. VOCs include a wide variety of chemical families including aliphatic hydrocarbons (alkanes), carbonyls (such as formaldehyde, acetaldehyde), aromatic hydrocarbons (such as benzene, toluene, xylene), and halogenated hydrocarbons (tetrachloroethylene).

With recent advancements in sensor technology, the emergence of "low-cost" VOC sensors can offer faster, more cost-effective air quality monitoring. However, there is a lack of approved performance procedures that can properly evaluate the sensors accuracy. So, as the nation's premier air quality management agency, South Coast AQMD developed its own thoroughly researched, detailed testing protocol.

Conventional VOC monitoring relies on methods that are time consuming, labor intensive and expensive to operate, including calibration, sampling, sample storage, separation, and laboratory analysis.

VOC sensors can be deployed more rapidly and easily than conventional regulatory grade equipment for specific near-source, fence-line and indoor monitoring applications. The results can provide a better understanding of levels of VOC emitted locally, as well as provide faster feedback to the public.

The testing protocol outlines procedures South Coast AQMD is following for evaluating the performance of commercially available VOC sensors including chamber conditions of relative humidity, temperature, method detection limit safety measures and setup and installation procedures.

All data collected, documentation developed, and testing results obtained from laboratory testing of VOC sensors project are organized and posted online at [www.aqmd.gov/aq-spec](http://www.aqmd.gov/aq-spec).



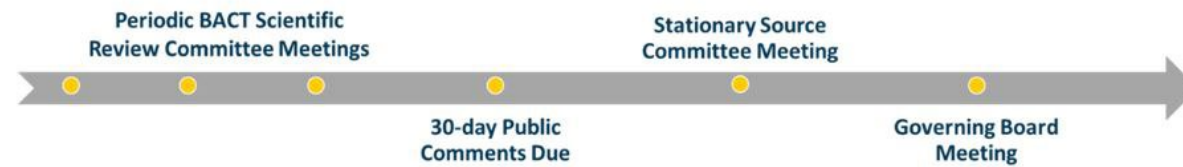
# SOUTH COAST AQMD UPDATES GUIDELINES FOR AIR POLLUTION CONTROLS

South Coast AQMD's Best Available Control Technology (BACT) program identifies the most effective ways to control air pollution. The agency's BACT team is responsible for the development, implementation and periodic updates to the program's guidelines, which were initially published in 1983.

The guidelines determine BACT for major polluting facilities as well as requirements for more than 130 categories of equipment at non-major polluting facilities. BACT guidelines are updated to reflect the cleanest and most advanced available technologies for permitted equipment to ensure that new, modified and relocated equipment are using the lowest emitting technologies.

The last update was completed in September 2022. The next round of proposed updates is currently underway and is anticipated to be brought to the Governing Board for adoption at the end of 2023. For major polluting facilities, updates are proposed for Tank Truck Loading Racks, Heaters, Linear Generators, Sulfur Recovery Units, Fugitive Emissions at Petroleum Refineries, Boilers, and Gas Turbines. For non-major polluting facilities, a new listing is proposed for Crumb Rubber/Asphalt Oil Blending System.

The BACT Guidelines can be found at <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/permits/bact/guidelines>. For more information on the BACT program, visit <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/permits/bact>.



# CARB TO PHASE OUT THE USE OF HEXAVALENT CHROMIUM

In May, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) passed updates to its rules on airborne toxics that will phase out the use of hexavalent chromium from plating and anodizing facilities. Facilities must transition to currently available, less toxic options between 2027 to 2030. Functional platers, where alternatives are being developed have a deadline of 2039. Businesses are required to meet best management practice measures, such as spill prevention and enhanced cleanup of hexavalent chromium by 2024.

After receiving a series of odor complaints from locals, including an elementary school teacher who was alarmed by the number of students and staff dealing with serious illnesses, South Coast AQMD began investigating local sources of emissions in the City of Paramount. Air monitoring data showed elevated levels of nickel and hexavalent chromium at a metal forging facility. The facility implemented measures that substantially reduced nickel levels, however hexavalent chromium levels remained elevated. In response, South Coast

AQMD launched an effort that included extensive monitoring, multi-agency collaboration and community involvement. The monitoring data showed that anodizing facilities in paramount were discovered to have large emissions of hexavalent chromium. Since then, a range of improvements were made by facilities— some voluntary, and more that will continue to result from rule changes.

Hexavalent chromium is a known human carcinogen with no known safe level of exposure. CARB estimates that there are more than 110 permitted facilities in California that use hexavalent chromium. Approximately 70% of the businesses are in Southern California, which is the nation's highest concentration of chrome platers.

For updates on this investigation, please visit <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/news-events/community-investigations/air-monitoring-activities>.

# SAVE THE DATE FOR SOUTH COAST AQMD'S 9TH ANNUAL EJ CONFERENCE

South Coast AQMD is excited to announce its 9th Annual Environmental Justice Conference, "Building a Clean Air Future Together." This year's conference will take place in-person at the Riverside Convention Center on Wednesday, September 13, 2023, from 10:00 AM to 1:30 PM. The event will include a plenary session and breakout sessions, providing a great opportunity for meaningful discussions and networking. Breakfast and lunch will be served.

South Coast AQMD hosts this annual conference to increase awareness of environmental justice and air quality issues and to encourage collaboration amongst all who advocate for clean air and healthy, sustainable communities for all.

For more information, please contact Alejandra Vega at 909-396-2264 or [avega@aqmd.gov](mailto:avega@aqmd.gov).

# SAVE THE DATE 9th Annual Environmental Justice Conference

## Building a Clean Air Future Together

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| <b>Wednesday</b><br>September 13, 2023<br>10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. | <b>Riverside Convention Center</b><br>3637 5th Street,<br>Riverside, CA 92501 | <b>Free to Attend</b> |
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# CELEBRATE CLEAN AIR WITH THESE UPCOMING EVENTS

**International Day of Clean Air - September 7, 2023:** The United Nations General Assembly designated the International Day of Clean Air as a reminder that air pollution is one of the greatest risks to our environment and our health. This year's theme of "Together for Clean Air" focuses on the need for stronger partnerships, increased investment and shared responsibility to overcome air pollution. To learn more, visit: <https://www.un.org/en/observances/clean-air-day>.

**National Drive Electric Week - September 22 through October 1, 2023:** A nationwide celebration to raise awareness on all-electric and plug-in hybrid cars, trucks and more. Celebrate by attending an electric vehicle demonstration in your area or by joining an online informational session to learn more about the many benefits of driving an all-electric vehicle. For those considering purchasing an environmentally friendly vehicle, visit: <https://driveelectricweek.org/>.

**Clean Air Day - October 4, 2023:** Coalition for Clean Air will host the 6th Annual California Clean Air Day to engage California residents in conversations about air pollution and actions they can take to improve air quality. Individuals, children and organizations can pledge to take action such as using public transportation for a day, planting a tree or hosting an event on clean air topics. For more information and to take the pledge, visit <https://www.cleanairday.org>.

**National Walk, Bike & Roll to School Day - October 4, 2023:** National Walk, Bike & Roll to School Day is an annual event that involves communities from across the country (and globe!). Not only does this event promote a healthy lifestyle and help reduce air pollution, it can also lead to much needed improvements to sidewalks and pathways in the community. For more information, visit: <https://www.walkbiketoschool.org/>.

## GET TO KNOW SOUTH COAST AQMD - MONITORING & ANALYSIS DIVISION

The South Coast AQMD Monitoring & Analysis Division (MAD) provides air quality information to the public and produces actionable data using state-of-the-art monitoring and laboratory equipment and methods. These efforts provide valuable input to our science, planning, and policy decisions that align with the agency's mission to protect the health of all residents in the South Coast Air Basin.

MAD operates the agency's robust ambient air monitoring network, the Federal enhanced particulate monitoring network and an advanced community air monitoring network with sites near all large major refineries, providing air pollution information in real time on the South Coast AQMD website and mobile app. The division conducts high quality measurements to assess ambient air quality in the South Coast Air Basin at over 37 air monitoring stations. MAD performs thorough chemical analyses in its laboratory, conducts source tests and evaluates low-cost sensors in its world-renowned AQ-SPEC program

(<http://www.aqmd.gov/aq-spec>). The division applies a variety of advanced and customized tools to support multiple special monitoring efforts and investigations that address community concerns and better characterize emissions from various sources. In addition, MAD conducts field measurements and analytical support for South Coast AQMD's incident response program, wildfire response program and community air monitoring in environmental justice areas such as AB 617 communities.

For upcoming projects, MAD is looking to start field activities for two grant proposals that are part of the U.S. EPA "Enhanced Air Quality Monitoring for Communities" program. The first project is to conduct enhanced measurements of PM2.5 chemical composition and size distribution in Wilmington, CA. The second proposal is to conduct community-based air quality monitoring through South Coast AQMD's sensor library program.

## AB 617 UPDATE

The AB 617 Program continues to work toward the improvement of air quality and public health in environmental justice communities. The community-based program brings together residents, health and environmental organizations, government agencies, and other stakeholders to form Community Steering Committees (CSCs) to develop and implement plans to help reduce air pollution.



The Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) team created a new initiative called Critical Community Conversations for Purposeful Outreach (C3PO). For the next six months, on the fourth Wednesday of each month, the entire AB 617 team will visit each of the AB 617 communities to network and engage with members of the CSCs within their neighborhoods. Staff will participate in tours facilitated by CSC members to observe the DEI issues and concerns of the community.

Upcoming meetings for each of the CSCs include:

- Wilmington, Carson West Long Beach (WCWLB) – August 10, 2-4 p.m.
- San Bernardino, Muscoy (SBM) – August 24, 6-8 p.m.
- South Los Angeles (SLA) – September 7, 4-6 p.m.
- Southeast Los Angeles (SELA) – September 21, 4-6 p.m.
- East Los Angeles, Boyle Heights, West Commerce (ELABHWC) – October 5, 4-6 p.m.
- Eastern Coachella Valley (ECV) – October 19, 5-7 p.m.

South Coast AQMD will continue to work with CSC members and co-lead organizations throughout the implementation process and will hold quarterly meetings to update the community on the progress of the CERPs and CAMPs. For more information on the AB 617 program or meeting schedules, visit [www.aqmd.gov/ab617](http://www.aqmd.gov/ab617).

These plans are known as the Community Emission Reduction Plans (CERPs) and Community Air Monitoring Plans (CAMPs). The CERPs focus on community-identified air quality priorities and the CAMPs provide strategies for air quality monitoring that are unique to that community. All six communities within the South Coast AQMD jurisdiction are currently in the implementation phase of the CERP and CAMP plans.

## BE A "GREEN PAINTER" BY USING SUPER-COMPLIANT PAINTS DURING PEAK SMOG SEASON

Low VOC and super-compliant paints are manufactured and sold by numerous companies. Low-VOC paint refers to paints that meet the regulatory limits in South Coast AQMD Rule 1113; however, many manufacturers have reformulated to levels well below these limits, including many near-zero VOC paint formulations. South Coast AQMD refers to these paints as "Super-Compliant Architectural Coatings."

Here are some tips on how to be a "Green Painter":

- **Use Super-Compliant paints whenever possible.** Visit South Coast AQMD's list of [Super-Compliant Architectural Coatings](#).
- If you can't use Super-Compliant paint, **avoid painting during peak smog season: July - September**
- If you can't find one of the Super-Compliant Architectural Coatings included on the South Coast AQMD website, use any of the readily available low- and near-zero VOC paints designed to do the job. Not only is low- and near-zero VOC paint good for air quality, but they also emit little to no odors while being applied.

- **Buy only the paint you need.** Visit [PaintCare.org](http://PaintCare.org) to help determine how much paint to buy. PaintCare Inc. is a non-profit organization established by the American Coatings Association to implement California's Paint Stewardship Law.
- **Recycle leftover paint.** Take any leftover paint to one of the many [drop-off sites](#) run by PaintCare, Inc.
- **Keep lids closed** on all paint containers when not in use to prevent VOC emissions and excessive odors.
- **For water-based paints, clean up with water only.** Whenever possible, do not rinse the clean-up water down the drain or pour it directly onto the ground or into the storm drain.
- **Recycle** the empty paint can.
- Look for **non-solvent** containing stripping products.
- **Use compliant low-VOC cleaning solvents** to clean paint application equipment. Visit South Coast AQMD's list of [Clean Air Solvents](#).
- Keep all paint and solvent-laden rags in sealed containers to prevent VOC emissions.
- Use according to manufacturer's directions.
- Make sure you provide plenty of ventilation when using paint or solvent products.

## HOW DOES AIR POLLUTION IN AND AROUND YOUR HOME IMPACT YOUR HEALTH?

Air pollution in and around your home can come from a variety of sources and can cause health problems for you, your family and your neighbors. Here are some tips to minimize how much air pollution you breathe in and around your home.



### SMOKING AND VAPING PRODUCTS

Smoke and second-hand smoke from cigarettes, cigars, and pipes contains thousands of chemicals, including PM2.5, benzene, and arsenic.

- Smoking or breathing second-hand smoke can cause very serious health problems, including lung cancer, heart disease, and stroke. Contact your healthcare provider to discuss quitting smoking.
- Vaping products or e-cigarettes also create harmful pollutants and have been linked to serious health effects. These products are very new and the long-term health consequences are not yet known.



### CLEANING SUPPLIES

Cleaning supplies can contain harmful volatile organic compounds (VOCs), that can irritate the eyes, nose and throat. Some fragrances in cleaning products can trigger asthma symptoms. To limit indoor pollution from cleaning supplies:

- Ensure all chemicals are properly sealed and stored.
- Choose fragrance-free cleaning products.
- **Ventilate your home by opening windows and doors** when using cleaning products.
- **Never mix cleaning supplies**, as some combinations can create toxic gases.



## DISCOUNTED ZERO-EMISSION LAWN EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL LANDSCAPERS AND GARDENERS

The Commercial Electric Lawn and Garden Incentive and Exchange (eL&G) Program is currently open and replaces old gasoline- or diesel-powered commercial lawn and garden equipment with zero-emission, battery-electric technology. Local governments, school districts, nonprofit organizations and commercial gardeners and landscapers within South Coast AQMD's four-county jurisdiction (including Coachella Valley) can participate in the eL&G Program and purchase eligible equipment from participating dealer locations for a point-of-sale discount of up to 85 percent.

Eligible commercial-grade electric lawn and garden equipment includes handheld trimmers, chainsaws, pruners, backpack and

handheld blowers and lawnmowers (including ride-on, stand-on and walk-behind mowers). For additional information, please visit: [www.aqmd.gov/lawngarden](http://www.aqmd.gov/lawngarden) or contact us via email/phone at [lawngarden@aqmd.gov](mailto:lawngarden@aqmd.gov) or 888-425-6247 (Tuesday through Friday).

Also, the Residential Electric Lawn Mower Rebate Program is available year-round to residents providing up to \$250 rebates to offset the cost of replacing an older, gasoline lawn mower for a new, battery-powered lawn mower. Rebates are provided on a first-come, first-served basis and destruction of an old gasoline lawn mower is required. For additional information, please visit: [www.aqmd.gov/lawnmower](http://www.aqmd.gov/lawnmower).

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM RECENT EVENTS

### Advanced Clean Transportation (ACT) Conference and Expo –



This year's ACT Conference and Expo was held May 1-4. It showcased the latest in commercial transportation technology providers, products and solutions designed to decarbonize transport and pave the road to a cleaner future. Over 185 low- and zero-emission advanced technology commercial and transportation vehicles were exhibited. The event brought together over 13,000 experts and stakeholders from all transportation sectors to discuss and learn more about clean transportation technologies, electric vehicle charging infrastructure, alternative fuels and energy storage. South Coast AQMD's Executive Officer Wayne Nastro provided opening remarks, pointing out that clean transportation technologies, a robust power grid, infrastructure resiliency, funding and public and private partnerships are very important and needed to transition to zero-emission as quickly as possible. Agency staff moderated a panel discussion on "Economies of Scale – How to Grow an Electric Fleet" which provided perspectives and lessons learned from large scale battery electric Class 8 truck deployments.

### Working With Communities Assisted in Home Building Project -



On May 20th, South Coast AQMD's employee volunteer program, **Working with Communities**, hosted its second Team Build Day in collaboration with Habitat for Humanity (HFH) Orange County. The event was in the city of Santa Ana's Historic French Park District. South Coast AQMD's dedicated volunteers donated their Saturday and their skills to help construct homes intended for moderate-income families eligible for HFH's homeownership program. Tasks included painting, siding installation, and other construction-related activities. This volunteer effort marks the sixth successful **Working with Communities** volunteer event. For additional details about the program and upcoming events, please visit: <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/news-events/community-events>.

### South Coast AQMD Partnership Assists Opening of a Large-scale Battery-Electric Truck (BET) Charging Depot in South El Monte -



On June 7, Schneider National Inc. and JETSI project partners hosted a ribbon cutting event to kick off the start of their BETs deployment and 4,900-square-foot state-of-the-art charging hub. The site will allow up to 32 trucks to charge simultaneously. By year's end, Schneider National Inc. will have nearly 100 Freightliner eCascadias operating from their South El Monte facility, including the 50 funded through the JETSI project. JETSI is a private-public partnership with support coming from state and local agencies including CARB, California Energy Commission, Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee (MSRC), South Coast AQMD, and the San Pedro Bay Ports, to increase the number of zero emission heavy-duty trucks on the roads. For more information on the JETSI project, visit <https://www.jetsiproject.com/>.

## WILDFIRES IN CANADA LEAD TO POOR AIR QUALITY IN THE EASTERN U.S. & HOW CALIFORNIANS CAN PREPARE FOR SMOKY SKIES

Canadians are no stranger to summertime wildfires, but the scale and intensity this early in the season has been unprecedented. At the end of June, nearly 20 million acres have burned across Canada with two more peak wildfire months to go. The intense smoke has led to extremely poor air quality across the Eastern U.S. in cities such as Washington D.C., Philadelphia, Chicago and New York. Classes were canceled, hospitals saw an increase in asthma cases, and people were urged to mask up with high quality respirators and stay indoors.

Southern California residents may remember the 2020 wildfire season when large portions of the Southland experienced multiple days of poor air quality with over four million acres burned throughout the state, doubling the

previous record of two million acres. While smoke impacts in 2021 and 2022 were not as widespread, South Coast AQMD encourages residents to prepare. Wildfire smoke is a health risk for everyone, but older adults, children, pregnant women and people with heart or lung disease (such as asthma) may be especially sensitive to health risks from wildfire smoke.

Download the South Coast AQMD mobile app to view real-time and forecasted air quality at [www.aqmd.gov/mobileapp](http://www.aqmd.gov/mobileapp). You can find information on the steps you can take before, during and after a wildfire to stay safe and obtain a list of additional resources by visiting: <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/air-quality/wildfire-health-info-smoke-tips>.

## AFTER A WILDFIRE – SAFE CLEAN-UP WHEN CLEANING UP ASH:

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|  | <b>Wear a tight-fitting disposable respirator (N-95 or P-100).</b>                                     |  | <b>Wear goggles, gloves, long-sleeved shirts, long pants, shoes and socks to avoid skin contact.</b>                        |
|  | <b>Mist lightly with water and then sweep gently with a broom or wet mop.</b>                          |  | <b>Collect ash into a plastic bag and dispose in the regular trash.</b>                                                     |
|  | <b>Wash off ash from vehicles and outdoor toys.</b>                                                    |  | <b>Inside your home, use a vacuum with a HEPA filter or similar industrial ones with disposable collection filter bags.</b> |
|  | <b>Direct ash-filled water to ground areas and away from the storm drains. Don't use leaf blowers!</b> |  | <b>Clean ash off pets.</b>                                                                                                  |

Take precautions when cleaning up ash from wildfires. Ash particles are usually bigger than smoke particles, but can still cause health problems. People with heart or lung diseases, older adults, children, and pregnant women should use special caution around ash.





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# UPCOMING COMPLIANCE CLASSES

*Classes are conducted online via Zoom. Preregistration is required. Class schedules are subject to change.*

## Rule 403 – Dust Control in the South Coast Air Basin Training

• Every third Wednesday of the month, January through November

This half-day course is presented via Zoom Meeting from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. There is no fee.

Visit <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/programs/business/training-403-403-1-fugitive-dust>. To register, e-mail [dustcontrol@aqmd.gov](mailto:dustcontrol@aqmd.gov) or fax request to (909) 396-2608.

## Rule 403 & 403.1 – Dust Control in the Coachella Valley Training

• Every third Thursday of the month, January through November, 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. There is no fee.

Visit <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/programs/business/training-403-403-1-fugitive-dust> for class and registration information. To register, email [dustcontrol@aqmd.gov](mailto:dustcontrol@aqmd.gov).

## Rule 461 – Gasoline Transfer and Dispensing Training

Daily Maintenance Inspection – Registration Fees: \$187.11

• Coming Dates TBD

Periodic Compliance Inspection – Registration Fees: \$204.78

• Coming Dates TBD

Vapor Recovery System Tester Orientation – Registration Fees: \$194.69

• Coming Dates TBD

The Zoom Cloud Meetings app must be installed on your device or Google Chrome

must be used as the web browser to connect to and attend the class. Check-in time is 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

Visit <https://www.aqmd.gov/home/rules-compliance/compliance/gasoline-dispensing2/rule-461-classes> for class and registration information. Contact Rule 461 Assistance at (909) 396-3546. or email [Rule461assistance@aqmd.gov](mailto:Rule461assistance@aqmd.gov) for additional information.

## Rule 1403 – Asbestos Demolition and Renovation Compliance Training

• October 11, 2023 (fee to be determined)

• December 6, 2023 (fee to be determined)

This half-day class, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., will be conducted via webinar (including standard phone access for those without access to a computer or smart phone).

Registration is required. The fee is \$101.83 per person.

Visit <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/programs/business/training-1403-asbestos-demolition> to register or contact the Asbestos Hotline at (909) 396-2336 for more information.

## Rule 1469 – Hexavalent Chromium Training Certification

• 2023 Dates TBD

This half-day course is presented via Zoom Webinar from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Pre-registration is required. The class fee is \$40.41 per person, due prior to the date of the class. The Zoom Cloud Meetings app must be installed on your device or Google Chrome must be used as the web browser to connect and attend the class.

To register and for fee information, visit <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/programs/business/training-1469-hexavalent-chromium> or call (909) 396-2338 for more information.

## Rule 2202 - Employee Transportation Coordinator (ETC) Training

• Coming Dates TBD

Each class is two days in length (Tuesday and Thursday). Classes are conducted online via Zoom from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Registration fee is \$211.16 per person. Enrollment is limited. Early registration is recommended.

For more information, contact the ETC Coordinator at (909) 396-2777, or visit <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/programs/business/training-2202-etc>. To register, e-mail [etctraining@aqmd.gov](mailto:etctraining@aqmd.gov) or call (909) 396-2777.

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