



January 6, 2021

NOTICE OF PUBLIC WEBINAR

FOR DISCUSSION OF DRAFT PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO NSR RULE 20.1, DRAFT PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO NSR RULE 20.4 AND DRAFT PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO TITLE V RULE 1401

The San Diego County Air Pollution Control District (District) invites you to participate in the following public webinar to discuss and provide input regarding draft proposed amendments to New Source Review (NSR) Rule 20.1 – General Provisions; draft proposed amendments to NSR Rule 20.4 – Portable Emission Units; and draft proposed amendments to Title V – Operating Permits, Rule 1401 – General Provisions. Comments or questions concerning these proposals may be submitted in writing before or made at the webinar, which is scheduled as follows:

DATE: Wednesday, February 3, 2021
TIME: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon
HOW TO PARTICIPATE: Via web browser or mobile device at:
<https://primetime.bluejeans.com/a2m/live-event/xdtdexae>
(Enter your name, e-mail address, and click on “Join as Guest”)

NSR – Rules 20.1 and 20.4

The District's NSR Rules 20.1 and 20.4 specify the air pollutant emission controls and related requirements applicable to new, modified, replacement, or relocated stationary equipment or portable emission units, operations and processes which require an Authority to Construct and Permit to Operate in accordance with District Rule 10 – Permits Required. The requirements are based on federal and State laws and regulations.

In summary, the draft proposed amendments to Rules 20.1 and 20.4 will:

- Correct a deficiency identified by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in their conditional approval of the District's 2019 NSR Rule 20.1. The correction clarifies that facilities must comply with applicable NSR requirements at the time the Authority to Construct is issued instead of when the application is deemed complete. For further details, please see link below to the District's workshop webpage.
- Revise provisions on interpollutant offsets found in Rule 20.4, Subsection (d)(5)(iv), to provide clarification and consistency with interpollutant offset provisions found in existing Rule 20.3 – NSR Major Stationary Sources and Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) Stationary Sources, Subsection (d)(5)(iii).

Title V – Operating Permits – Rule 1401

The District's Title V permit program is mandated by Title V of the Clean Air Act. It requires each existing "major stationary source" of regulated air pollutants to obtain a federally enforceable operating permit from the District that addresses all applicable requirements under the Clean Air Act including monitoring, record keeping, and reporting requirements.

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In summary, the draft proposed amendments to Title V Rule 1401 will:

- Revise the definition of “Major Stationary Source” in Subsection (c)(26) to reference and align with the “Federal Major Stationary Source” definition in existing NSR Rule 20.1, Section (c) Definitions. This “Federal Major Stationary Source” definition is consistent with federal law and specifies the emission rate thresholds that define a "major stationary source" of volatile organic compounds and/or oxides of nitrogen based on the region's degree or "classification" of ozone nonattainment as determined by the EPA (i.e., Marginal, Moderate, Serious, Severe or Extreme). If adopted, these rule amendments will provide additional clarity and certainty about which federal Title V permitting requirements apply to existing stationary sources based on their emission rates and the applicable ozone nonattainment classification of the region.

The District anticipates that the EPA will reclassify the region from a Serious to a Severe ozone nonattainment area in 2021, which would result in lower emission rate thresholds for Title V permitting requirements on existing major sources. During the webinar, District permitting staff will discuss and answer questions on the potential impacts on Title V permitting requirements as a result of this anticipated change in the region's ozone nonattainment classification.

Draft Documents

Copies of the draft proposed amendments are available on the District's website at https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/apcd/en/Rule_Development/Workshops.html. Those unable to access the document may contact Janet McCue (858-586-2712, Janet.McCue@sdcounty.ca.gov).

Comment Deadline

Comments and questions regarding the draft proposed amendments may be made orally, in writing, or by utilizing the chat/discussion feature during the public webinar. All written comments may be submitted in writing no later than February 17, 2021. Please email all written comments directly to Omar Rana (Omar.Rana@sdcounty.ca.gov) or Angela M. Fisch (Angela.Fisch@sdcounty.ca.gov).

More Information

Please contact Omar Rana (858-586-2756, Omar.Rana@sdcounty.ca.gov) or Angela M. Fisch (858-586-2753, Angela.Fisch@sdcounty.ca.gov) with any questions.

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