



Air Pollution Control District Governing Board

San Diego County Air Pollution Control District

AGENDA ITEM #D.4

DATE: December 9, 2021

TO: Air Pollution Control District Governing Board

SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO RULE 19.3 - EMISSION INFORMATION

REQUESTED ACTION:

1. Find that the adoption of proposed amended Rule 19.3 – Emission Information is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15308, as an action taken to assure the protection of the environment, and pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) since it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment.
2. Adopt the Resolution entitled: RESOLUTION ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO RULE 19.3 – EMISSION INFORMATION, OF REGULATION II OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT.

OVERVIEW:

The San Diego County Air Pollution Control District (District) is required by federal and State law to adopt and implement Rule 19.3 – Emission Information. Rule 19.3 requires facilities in the San Diego region to provide the District with emission information. The purpose of this rule is to allow the District to quantify and inventory air pollutant emissions throughout the San Diego region by requiring permitted sources to submit emission information. This information is necessary for compliance with various federal and State regulations as well as for carrying out air quality and health risk modeling and simulation operations.

Rule 19.3 is outdated and is being amended to comply with recent changes in State reporting regulations, specifically the California Air Resources Board (CARB) Criteria Toxics Reporting, or CTR Regulation, which implements statewide annual reporting of criteria air pollutant and toxic air contaminant emissions data from facilities. These proposed amendments will also phase in requirements for electronic submittal of annual emissions inventory reporting beginning in 2022, when electronic reporting will replace the current mode of emissions inventory reporting submitted via hardcopy. The phase-in for electronic submittal is intended to facilitate the submittal of emission information for subject facilities, and to expedite the District's review and approval process.

Additionally, the proposed amendments will address comments received from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) that require amendments to allow for federal approval of the rule. At EPA's request, language was added to clarify that facilities emitting 25 tons or more per year of oxides of nitrogen or volatile organic compounds are required to submit a signed Emissions Statement Form certifying that the information contained in the form is accurate to the best knowledge of the individual certifying it. If approved by the Governing Board, amended Rule 19.3 would be resubmitted through CARB to the EPA for approval and inclusion in the San Diego County portion of the State Implementation Plan for attaining and maintaining air quality standards.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with these requested actions.

ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT:

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires environmental review of certain actions.

District staff conducted a review as to whether CEQA applies to the adoption of proposed amended Rule 19.3. The proposed amended rule will not result in greater air pollutant emissions from new and modified stationary sources in San Diego County. Additionally, the proposed amendments to Rule 19.3 – other than the requirement to report data in an electronic format – are required by federal and State law and, as such, are already applicable to the subject sources. District staff therefore determined that the adoption of proposed amended Rule 19.3 is categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15308, as an action taken to assure the protection of the environment, and pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) since it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment.

PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOARD ACTIONS:

May 15, 1996 (AP02) Adoption of Proposed Amendments to Rule 2 (Definitions) and Related Rules 19.3 (Emission Information), 20.1 (New Source Review – General Provisions), 67.0 (Architectural Coatings), 67.1 (Alternative Emissions Control Plans), 67.2 (Dry Cleaning Equipment Using Petroleum Based Solvents), 67.3 (Metal Parts and Products Coating Operations), 67.4 (Metal Container, Metal Closure and Metal Coil Coating Operations), 67.5 (Paper, Film and Fabric Coating Operations), 67.7 (Cutback and Emulsified Asphalts), 67.11 (Wood Products Coating Operations), 67.12 (Polyester Resin Operations), 67.15 (Pharmaceuticals and Cosmetics Manufacturing Operations), 67.16 (Graphic Arts Operations), 67.17 (Storage of Materials Containing Volatile Organic Compounds), 67.18 (Marine Coating Operations), 67.19 (Coating and Printing Inks Manufacturing Operations), 67.22 (Expandable Polystyrene Foam Products Manufacturing Operations), and 67.24 (Bakery Ovens)

April 6, 1993 (AP01) Adoption of new Rule 19.3 (Emission Information) and Amendment of Rule 19 (Provision of Sampling and Testing Facilities and Emission Information)

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ATTACHMENTS:

[Attachment A-Rule 19.3 Resolution.pdf](#)

[Attachment B-Rule 19.3 Background.pdf](#)

[Attachment C-Rule 19.3 Comparative Analysis.pdf](#)

[Attachment D-Rule 19.3 Workshop Report.pdf](#)

[Attachment E-Rule 19.3 Change Copy.pdf](#)