



February 23, 2026

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE A PERMIT TO MODIFICATION OF
AN EXISTING GAS STATION
ATTENTION: NEARBY RESIDENTS, BUSINESSES & PARENTS OR GUARDIANS OF CHILDREN
ATTENDING CLASSICAL ACADEMIES MIDDLE SCHOOL
AND
CLASSICAL ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL**

Why am I receiving this notice?

San Diego Air Pollution Control District (SDAPCD) is the local air pollution control agency for the county of San Diego responsible for controlling emissions from equipment operated at various commercial, industrial, and public/governmental facilities. SDAPCD, however, does not have any authority to make zoning decisions on where a facility or equipment can be located in the San Diego County. State law requires local air pollution control districts, such as the SDAPCD, to prior to approving permits for equipment that is located within 1,000 feet of a school and the equipment may increase release of ANY amount of toxic air contaminant into the air, regardless of the amount of toxic emissions and its health impacts, to notify all addresses within 1,000 feet of the equipment, as well as parents or guardians of children attending any schools located within a quarter mile radius of the equipment.

Project Description

Two applications have been filed with the SDAPCD by AAA Fuels Company for Permits to Construct and Operate a new E85 station and modify existing gasoline equipment at an existing AAA Fuels gas station, which is currently located at 225 W. Washington Ave, Escondido, CA 92025. The gasoline station is being modified to decrease the overall storage capacity of gasoline by 6,000 gallons and is having its existing certified air pollution control equipment replaced with newer and more efficient air pollution control equipment. E85 is a fuel blend containing approximately 85% ethanol and 15% gasoline. Ethanol is a biofuel made from plant sources like corn, which helps increase engine power and reduce air emissions. The new E85 station and modified gas station will be equipped with the best emissions controls, as required by the state law, using California Air Resource Board (CARB) certified control systems.

What are Toxic Air Contaminants (TACs) and description of emissions

TACs are chemicals in the form of gases, liquids, or particles that when released into the air may cause adverse health effects. The proposed gas and E85 station will emit gasoline vapors, which contain some TACs and could be released into the air when customers fill their vehicles with gasoline, or when the gas station's underground storage tanks are filled. To minimize TAC emissions, gas stations are required to be equipped with state-of-the-art emissions control systems, called CARB certified Vapor Recovery Systems and must conduct annual tests to verify compliance with current emission and operational standards.

What regulations apply and how does SDAPCD Review the Project to Protect the Air Quality and Public Health

The SDAPCD is committed to improving air quality to protect public health and the environment by applying and enforcing local, state, and federal air quality rules and regulations in San Diego County. SDAPCD evaluates whether the equipment complies with all applicable air quality rules and regulations and that appropriate emission controls are utilized

to ensure that the air quality and public health are protected. When SDAPCD issues a permit, the permit will impose operational and control requirements on the permit. Equipment is inspected by SDAPCD personnel on at least an annual basis and the operator is required to comply with all applicable air quality rules and regulations and permit requirements including any necessary monitoring and testing. Please note that if a project or equipment is compliant with all applicable rules and regulations, SDAPCD does not have the ability (discretionary authority) to deny a permit.

Does this project pose an impact on air quality or public health?

Based on SDAPCD's detailed evaluation of the equipment operation and its emissions, SDAPCD has determined that the equipment operation complies with all applicable air quality rules and regulations, and it is unlikely to negatively affect the health of nearby students, residents or workers in the community. Potential health impacts have been evaluated for the project using a health risk assessment which ensures that the community is not exposed to pollutants at concentrations which exceed health protective levels, and the project overall is expected to operate in compliance with all applicable air quality rules and regulations.

How can I contact SDAPCD to comment on the project or ask a question?

Written comments concerning the air quality issues associated with the SDAPCD's proposed action may be submitted to SDAPCD by April 9, 2026. Please refer to Application Nos. APCD2025-APP-008909 and APCD2025-APP-008910 on all correspondence regarding this project. The SDAPCD's evaluation of this application and proposed permit conditions are available on the SDAPCD's website at: <https://www.sdapcd.org/content/sdapcd/permits/public-notices.html>. Questions regarding this notice may be directed to the SDAPCD's Engineering Division at (858) 586-2600 or APCDEngineering@sdapcd.org.

Sincerely,

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