

**SAN DIEGO COUNTY
AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE, pursuant to the State of California Health and Safety Code Sections 40725, is hereby given of a public hearing on February 12, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. before the San Diego County Air Pollution Control District Governing Board (Governing Board) in the County Administration Center, Room 302, 1600 Pacific Highway, San Diego, CA 92101, for the purpose of receiving public comments and considering the adoption of proposed amendments to Rule 69.3.1 (Stationary Gas Turbine Engines) and Rule 69.4.1 (Stationary Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines), of the San Diego County Air Pollution Control District (District). Those wishing to participate in the public hearing and/or provide comments on proposed amendments to Rules 69.3.1 and 69.4.1, should visit the District's Governing Board's website at <https://bit.ly/3F8NXsQ> and click on "Meeting Information" for instructions on how to participate, and/or click on "Agendas & Minutes" to view the meeting agenda and supporting documentation.

The federal Clean Air Act (CAA) and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) require that emissions standards or limitations must apply continuously during all modes of operation, including startup, shutdown, and malfunction (SSM), and therefore emissions during these periods cannot be exempt. Air pollution released during these SSM periods poses a potential health risk to nearby and downwind communities. Existing District Rules 69.3.1 and 69.4.1 control emissions from stationary gas turbine engines and reciprocating internal combustion engines, but currently contain exemptions for emissions during startup and shutdown periods that are not consistent with the CAA and the EPA's SSM Policy. These exemptions are included in these rules because air pollution control systems on these stationary sources are only effective under specific operational temperatures or conditions and infeasible to operate during non-standard modes. Nonetheless, EPA's SSM Policy still requires adopting alternative emission limitations for these sources, such as work practices or operational standards, during these periods even when emissions cannot be measured or controlled and numerical limitations cannot be applied.

Proposed amendments to Rules 69.3.1 and 69.4.1 include alternative emission limitations to comply with CAA and EPA SSM Policy for continuous emission limitations, as well as clarifying existing SSM requirements. Additional proposed amendments to Rule 69.4.1 include revising the frequency of periodic maintenance from at least once each year to 1 year plus 30 days of the previous year, to ensure the rule is consistent with applicable National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAPs). Other minor amendments are also proposed to each rule to improve clarity and consistency. There are no anticipated changes to emissions associated with the proposed amendments.

If adopted by the Governing Board, proposed amendments to Rules 69.3.1 and 69.4.1 would be effective on February 12, 2026, and will be submitted to the EPA (through CARB) for inclusion as part of the San Diego County portion of the State Implementation Plan for the 2008 and 2015 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS), and to support the resubmittal of the 2020 Reasonably Available Control Technology (RACT) Demonstration for the NAAQS for Ozone in San Diego County with Addendum. The Governing Board may consider modifications to the proposal, which may be deemed appropriate.

Written comments may be provided to District staff no later than February 11, 2026. Comments should be addressed to:

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Copies of the proposed amendments to Rule 69.3.1 and Rule 69.4.1, as well as additional supporting documentation, may be examined or obtained at the San Diego County Air Pollution Control District Headquarters, 10124 Old Grove Road, San Diego, CA 92131, or by visiting the District's Rule Development website at <https://bit.ly/3lkUCYJ>. Specific information with respect to this matter may be obtained by contacting Nick Cormier at (858) 586-2798 or Nick.Cormier@sdapcd.org.

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