



San Diego County Air Pollution Control District

September 22, 2025

NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP

FOR DISCUSSION OF DRAFT PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO RULE 69.3.1 – STATIONARY GAS TURBINE ENGINES & RULE 69.4.1 – STATIONARY RECIPROCATING INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINES

The San Diego County Air Pollution Control District (District) invites you to participate in a virtual public workshop, as scheduled below, to provide input on draft proposed amendments to Rule 69.3.1 (Stationary Gas Turbine Engines) and Rule 69.4.1 (Stationary Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines). The objective of the draft proposed amendments is updating District Rules 69.3.1 and 69.4.1 to ensure emissions from stationary combustion turbines and engines in the San Diego region are subject to limiting factors during all modes of operation, including startup and shutdown, in accordance with federal requirements.

DATE: Wednesday, October 22, 2025
TIME: 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
HOW TO PARTICIPATE: Register via web browser or mobile device at:
<http://bit.ly/47weiSu> (Meeting ID: 870 8882 7670, Passcode: 936596)
NOTE: Workshop may conclude early if all comments have been addressed.

Existing Rules 69.3.1 and 69.4.1 provide time-limited exemptions from emission standards during startup and shutdown of stationary gas turbines and engines. The air pollution control systems on these combustion sources are effective only at specific temperatures or under specific conditions and are generally infeasible during non-standard operating modes. Still, startup and shutdown conditions are evaluated by District staff during the initial permitting process to ensure compliance with all applicable rules, including new source review and air toxics regulations. Permit conditions, including operational limitations on sources, are established and enforced by the District to ensure all modes of operation (including startup and shutdown) will not threaten air quality standards or pose unacceptable health risks in neighboring and downwind communities. However, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recently informed District staff that the startup/shutdown exemptions in existing Rules 69.3.1 and 69.4.1 are not consistent with the Clean Air Act (CAA) which requires emission limitations to apply on a continuous basis. Because the emission standards in these rules do not apply during startup and shutdown periods, absent an alternative emission limitation that applies during such periods, they cannot be considered continuous and the existing rules cannot be approved by EPA as fully meeting CAA requirements. The CAA allows alternative emission limitations that include numerical limitations, specific technological control requirements, and/or work practice requirements for limiting emissions during startup and shutdown as part of a continuously applicable emission limitation.

Accordingly, staff drafted amendments to Rules 69.3.1 and 69.4.1 for public review, establishing work practice requirements to limit emissions during startup and shutdown of affected sources. The rule amendments, as drafted, require the frequency and duration of operation in startup or shutdown mode and the resulting emissions to be minimized to the greatest extent practicable. The existing limits on duration times for startup and shutdown events are retained under the draft rule amendments but have been relocated from Section (b) Exemptions to Section (d) Standards in both rules for clarity and consistency. Lastly, to ensure Rule 69.4.1 aligns with current federal regulatory requirements, an additional amendment was included to add new Section (f)(3) for stationary engines to conduct maintenance within 1 year plus 30 days of the previous maintenance event.

Draft Documents

Copies of the draft proposed amendments to Rules 69.3.1 and 69.4.1 are available on the District's website at <https://bit.ly/workshops-public-notice>. Those unable to access the online documents may contact Janet McCue at (858) 586-2712 or Janet.McCue@sdapcd.org.

Comment Deadline

Comments and questions regarding the draft proposed amendments to Rules 69.3.1 and 69.4.1 may be made verbally during, or submitted in writing before or after, the public workshop. Please submit all written comments to Nick Cormier at Nick.Cormier@sdapcd.org by no later than Friday, November 7, 2025. Please contact Nick Cormier with any questions at (858) 586-2798.

**Assistance for Persons with Disabilities & Language Interpreter Requests

Information will be available in alternative formats upon request. To the extent reasonably possible, requests for disability-related accommodation including sign language interpretation and language interpreter services should be submitted no later than 7 calendar days from the date of this notice, so that arrangements may be made. Contact Janet McCue at (858) 586-2712 or Janet.McCue@sdapcd.org with questions or to make requests.

**** Solicitudes de asistencia a personas con discapacidad e intérpretes de idiomas**

La información estará disponible en formatos alternativos previa solicitud. En la medida de lo razonablemente posible, las solicitudes de adaptaciones relacionadas con la discapacidad, incluidos los servicios de interpretación del lenguaje de señas y de intérpretes de idiomas, deberán presentarse en un plazo máximo de 7 días naturales a partir de la fecha del presente aviso, a fin de que puedan adoptarse las disposiciones oportunas. Póngase en contacto con Janet McCue llamando al (858) 586-2712 o escribiendo al Janet.McCue@sdapcd.org con preguntas o para hacer solicitudes.

****Tulong para sa Mga Taong may Mga Kapansanan at Mga Kahilingan para sa Interpreter sa Wika**

Magkakaroon ng available na impormasyon sa mga alternatibong format kapag hiniling. Sa makatwirang possible, dapat isumite ang mga kahilingan para sa accommodation na may kaugnayan sa kapansanan kasama ang sign language interpretation at mga serbisyo ng interpreter sa wika nang hindi lalampas sa pitong araw sa kalendaryo mula sa petsa ng abisong ito, para makagawa ng mga arrangement. Kontakin si Janet McCue sa (858) 586-2712 o Janet.McCue@sdapcd.org sa anumang mga tanong o para gumawa ng mga kahilingan.

****残障人士协助与语言翻译服务申请**

如有需求，我方可用其他格式提供信息。在可能的合理范围内，如需申请残障相关便利安排，包括手语翻译和语言翻译服务，请在本通知发布之日起七个日历日内提交，以便我们及时做出安排。如有疑问或需要提出申请，请联系 Janet McCue，电话：(858) 586-2712，电子邮箱：Janet.McCue@sdapcd.org。

****Hỗ Trợ dành cho Người Khuyết Tật và Yêu Cầu Cung Cấp Thông Dịch Viên**

Thông tin sẽ được cung cấp theo các định dạng thay thế khi có yêu cầu. Trong phạm vi khả thi hợp lý, quý vị phải gửi các yêu cầu xin điều chỉnh liên quan đến tình trạng khuyết tật, bao gồm dịch vụ thông dịch ngôn ngữ ký hiệu và thông dịch viên nói chung chậm nhất là bảy ngày dương lịch kể từ ngày trên thông báo này để chúng tôi có thể sắp xếp. Nếu có câu hỏi hoặc đưa ra yêu cầu, hãy liên lạc với Janet McCue theo số (858) 586-2712 hoặc địa chỉ email Janet.McCue@sdapcd.org.

****مساعدة الأشخاص من ذوي الهمم وطلبات الترجمة الفورية**

ستتوفر المعلومات في تنسيقات بديلة عند الطلب. وبقدر الإمكان، يجب تقديم طلبات الحصول على التسهيلات الخاصة بالأشخاص من ذوي الهمم المشتملة على خدمتي لغة الإشارة والترجمة الفورية في موعد لا يتجاوز سبعة أيام تقويمية من تاريخ هذا الإشعار، حتى يمكن اتخاذ الترتيبات اللازمة. في حال كانت لديكم أي استفسارات أو لتقديم الطلبات، يُرجى التواصل مع Janet McCue (جانيت ماکو) على رقم (858) 586-2712 أو عبر البريد الإلكتروني Janet.McCue@sdapcd.org.