



January 6, 2021

NOTICE OF PUBLIC WEBINAR

FOR DISCUSSION OF DRAFT PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO RULE 69.3.1 – STATIONARY GAS TURBINE ENGINES-BEST AVAILABLE RETROFIT CONTROL TECHNOLOGY, AND THE PROPOSED REPEAL OF EXISTING RULE 69.3 – STATIONARY GAS TURBINE ENGINES-REASONABLY AVAILABLE CONTROL TECHNOLOGY

The San Diego County Air Pollution Control District (District) invites you to participate in the following public webinar to provide input regarding draft proposed amendments to Rule 69.3.1 – Stationary Gas Turbine Engines-Best Available Retrofit Control Technology, and the proposed repeal of existing Rule 69.3 – Stationary Gas Turbine Engines-Reasonably Available Control Technology. Comments and questions concerning these proposals may be submitted in writing before or made at the webinar, which is scheduled as follows:

DATE: Tuesday, February 2, 2021
TIME: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon
HOW TO PARTICIPATE: Via web browser or mobile device at:
<https://primetime.bluejeans.com/a2m/live-event/zkudukpb>
(Enter your name, e-mail address, and click on “Join as Guest”)

The San Diego region does not meet the current California and National Ambient Air Quality Standards for ozone pollution. Consequently, the District is required by State and federal law to update its rules to further control and reduce ozone-forming emissions from stationary sources in the region, including oxides of nitrogen (NO_x) emissions from stationary gas turbine engines. Stationary gas turbines burn fuel, typically natural gas, to produce power for use in a broad scope of applications.

Rule 69.3 was last amended in 1998 and was approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as part of the San Diego County portion of the State Implementation Plan (SIP) for attaining and maintaining the air quality standards. The rule reflects federal requirements for Reasonably Available Control Technology (RACT) to reduce NO_x emissions from stationary gas turbine engines with a power rating of 0.3 megawatt (MW) or greater.

Rule 69.3.1 was last amended in 2010 and applies to new stationary gas turbine engines with a power rating of 0.3 MW or greater, and existing turbine engines with a power rating of 1.0 MW or greater. The rule contains more health-protective State requirements for Best Available Retrofit Control Technology (BARCT) for stationary gas turbine engines.

In 2016, the District submitted Rule 69.3.1 to the EPA for approval into the SIP to supplement, but not replace Rule 69.3 as meeting current RACT. Subsequently, the EPA identified deficiencies in Rule 69.3.1 that require correction to allow federal approval of the rule. Rule 69.3.1 is being proposed for amendment to address these deficiencies. If adopted, proposed amended Rule 69.3.1 would replace existing Rule 69.3, which would be repealed.

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In summary, the draft proposed amendments to Rule 69.3.1 will:

- Revise the applicability to all gas turbine engines (both existing and new) with a power rating of 0.3 MW or greater.
- Revise the definition of “Extended Startup.”
- Add a definition for “Testing or Maintenance.”
- Add NOx emission standards that apply to extended startups, of 42 parts per million volume (ppmv) for gaseous fuel and 65 ppmv for liquid fuel.
- Remove requirements specific to peaking units installed before 1998, all of which have since been retired.
- Include other minor edits for clarification.

Draft Documents

Copies of the draft proposed amendments to Rule 69.3.1 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 or Janet.McCue@sdcounty.ca.gov).

Comment Deadline

Comments and questions regarding the draft proposed amendments to Rule 69.3.1 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 16, 2021. Please email all written comments directly to Randy Consolacion (Randy.Consolacion@sdcounty.ca.gov) or Angela M. Fisch (Angela.Fisch@sdcounty.ca.gov).

More Information

Please contact Randy Consolacion (858-586-2752, Randy.Consolacion@sdcounty.ca.gov) or Angela M. Fisch (858-586-2753, Angela.Fisch@sdcounty.ca.gov) with any questions.

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