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South Coast AQMD Revises Proposed Rules on Residential Space and Water Heaters
Changes Reflect Public Feedback to Support Consumer Choice and Economic Impacts

DIAMOND BAR – Today, the South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) announced a revised approach for Proposed Amended Rules 1111 and 1121 for residential space and water heaters, designed to address concerns from the public regarding consumer choice and potential economic impacts.

The proposed rules apply to new residential natural gas space and water heaters. At the urging of the South Coast AQMD Governing Board, staff expanded outreach and engagement efforts to a broader range of stakeholders including advisory groups, municipalities, councils of governments, business organizations, and community groups. The revised approach allows consumer choice of either gas or zero-emission units. If approved, these rules will reduce smog-forming emissions by nine tons per day, representing one of the most significant reductions of any rulemaking for the agency.

A **Working Group Meeting** will be held virtually on **Thursday, February 13, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.** to provide an update on this revised approach. For the meeting link and additional information, visit the new webpage: <https://www.aqmd.gov/home/rules-compliance/residential-and-commercial-building-appliances>.

In support of these efforts, the South Coast AQMD Governing Board has approved the [Go Zero](#) pilot incentive program. With \$21 million in funding, this program offers incentives for residents and small businesses to adopt zero-NOx (nitrogen oxides) emission space and water heating appliances, promoting cleaner air and healthier communities.

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