

**South Coast Air Quality Management District
Notice of Public Workshop**

**Proposed Amended Rule 218 – Continuous Emission Monitoring
Proposed Rule 218.2 – Continuous Emission Monitoring System: General Provisions
Proposed Rule 218.3 – Continuous Emission Monitoring System: Performance
Specifications**

Wednesday, January 6, 2021
9:30 a.m.

Pursuant to Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-25-20 (March 12, 2020) and N-29-20 (March 17, 2020), this meeting will only be conducted via video conferencing and by telephone.

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Purpose of Meeting

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) has scheduled a public workshop to present and solicit information and suggestions from the public regarding **Proposed Amended Rule 218 – Continuous Emission Monitoring (PAR 218); Proposed Rule 218.2 – Continuous Emission Monitoring System: General Provisions (PR 218.2); and Proposed Rule 218.3 – Continuous Emission Monitoring System: Performance Specifications (PR 218.3)**, which are also scheduled for a Public Hearing to be considered for approval by the South Coast AQMD Governing Board on March 5, 2021.

Rule Background

Existing Rule 218 and Rule 218.1 establish Continuous Emission Monitoring System (CEMS) requirements that are required by the South Coast AQMD rules, regulations or permit conditions for non-RECLAIM facilities. Rules 218 and 218.1 were intended to focus on administrative requirements and performance specifications, respectively. Rule 2012 – Requirements for Monitoring, Reporting, and Recordkeeping for Oxides of Nitrogen (NO_x) Emissions, establishes CEMS requirements for NO_x RECLAIM facilities. Control Measure CMB-05 in the 2016 AQMP seeks to transition facilities from the NO_x RECLAIM program into a command and control regulatory programs. CEMS requirements for RECLAIM facilities need to be updated as facilities transition to command and control.

Proposed Rule Amendments and Objectives

Staff proposes to: (1) amend Rule 218 to include a provision to phase out Rules 218 and 218.1 (no modifications are currently necessary in Rule 218.1); and (2) establish PR 218.2 and 218.3 to focus on administrative requirements and performance specifications for non-RECLAIM and former RECLAIM facilities. Under PAR 218, staff proposes to require the owner or operator of any CEMS subject to Rules 218 and 218.1 to comply with PR 218.2 and 218.3 by the date specified in PR 218.2 (d)(2) or PR 218.3 (d)(2).

PR 218.2 is based on Rule 218 with a focus on CEMS administrative requirements and staff proposes to: (1) revise the provisions retained from Rule 218 with key modifications on certification process for CEMS modification and the requirements for reporting; and (2) incorporate a new provision (subdivision (e)) that would require CEMS to be in a continuous operation, except during the defined CEMS maintenance and repair, and allow CEMS to be shut down when the unit (emission source) becomes offline for at least one week.

PR 218.3 is based on Rule 218.1 with a focus on CEMS performance specifications and staff proposes to: (1) revise the provisions retained from Rule 218.1 with key modifications on span range, data acquisition and handling system, relative accuracy test audit, and calibration gas requirements; and (2) incorporate a new provision (subdivision (i)) that would provide specifications on various data handling methods.

California Environmental Quality Act

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and South Coast AQMD's certified regulatory program (Public Resources Code Section 21080.5, CEQA Guidelines Section 15251(l) and South Coast AQMD Rule 110), the South Coast AQMD, as lead agency, is reviewing the proposed project to determine if it will result in any potential adverse environmental impacts. Appropriate CEQA documentation will be prepared based on the analysis.

Available Supporting Documents

The following supporting documents will be available on or before the date of the public workshop:

- Preliminary Draft Proposed Amended Rule 218;
- Preliminary Draft Proposed Rule 218.2;
- Preliminary Draft Proposed Rule 218.3; and
- Preliminary Draft Staff Report for Proposed Amended Rule 218 and Proposed Rules 218.2 and 218.3.

To Obtain Copies of the Above Documents

Copies of the preliminary draft rules and staff report will be available on or before the date of the public workshop and may be obtained from:

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The documents are also available for download from the South Coast AQMD website at:
<http://www.aqmd.gov/home/regulations/rules/proposed-rules>

Submission of Documents or Comments

You are invited to attend the meeting and may also send comments, documents or other relevant information to:

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Written comments on the proposed amended rule and proposed rules should be submitted by January 20, 2021.