

VENTURA COUNTY AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT

**RULE 156 - STAGE 3 EPISODE ACTIONS**

*(Adopted 9/17/91)*

The Air Pollution Control Officer shall declare a Stage 3 Episode whenever the Stage 3 Episode criteria specified in Rule 151 are attained or predicted. Upon declaration of a Stage 3 Episode, the Air Pollution Control Officer shall continue implementing the actions initiated pursuant to Rules 154 and 155 and:

- A. The Air Pollution Control Officer shall announce the occurrence or prediction of a Stage 3 Episode using the procedures established pursuant to Rule 152. The announcement shall include:
  - 1. Health warnings appropriate for a Stage 3 Ozone Episode in accordance with the California Air Pollution Emergency Plan.
  - 2. The specific ozone level predicted or reached.
  - 3. The predicted duration of the episode including the predicted time of episode termination. If the ozone concentration persists or is predicted to persist at episode levels past the originally predicted termination time, the Air Pollution Control Officer shall re-declare the episode using the procedures in Rule 152.
  - 4. The receptor areas currently affected or predicted to be affected.
- B. The Air Pollution Control Officer shall:
  - 1. Ban large scale commercial and industrial spray painting.
  - 2. Suspend activities, such as roofing, asphalt paving and surface coating where the use of large quantities of volatile organic material is involved.
- C. The Air Pollution Control Officer shall require the implementation of pre-planned Stage 3 Episode source abatement plans and traffic abatement procedures, as specified in Rules 158 and 159.
- D. The Air Pollution Control Officer shall study all pertinent information relating to the concentration of air contaminants involved in the episode to determine any further actions to be taken, including the consideration of the following additional control measures:
  - 1. Reduction of electrical generation in accordance with minimum NO<sub>x</sub> dispatch procedures consistent with the public health, welfare, and safety, and the extent customers reduce electrical demand upon request of the District.

2. Other measures required to protect public health and safety.
- E. The Air Pollution Control Officer will implement any control measures recommended by the Air Pollution Control Board.
  - F. The Air Pollution Control Officer shall request Radio and television stations to broadcast, at least once each half-hour, the pertinent facts and inform the public of actions taken in accordance with the provisions of this Rule.
  - G. If the steps taken by the Air Pollution Control Officer are inadequate to cope with the emergency, the Air Pollution Control Board shall request the Governor to declare a state of emergency as set forth in the California Emergency Services Act.
  - H. Specific provisions will be made by the Air Pollution Control Board for those operations necessary for the health and welfare of the public, such as road maintenance and construction operations which involve keeping roads open for public services such as fire and police protection and activities of concern to the medical community.