

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP
SB 700 – AGRICULTURAL OPERATIONS**

Tuesday, August 31, 2004 - 10:00 a.m.
South Coast Air Quality Management District
Auditorium
21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) has scheduled a public workshop in order to present staff's proposed plan to amend rules in order to comply with Senate Bill 700 – Agriculture & Air Quality, and solicit information and suggestions from the public on achieving air quality objectives regarding SB 700.

This public workshop will allow comments and discussion on SB 700 with all public members including potentially impacted stakeholders and other interested parties.

The staff proposal, based on feedback from the impacted stakeholders during public workshops or in written comments, will be considered by the AQMD Governing Board at a public hearing on a date to be announced later.

AIR QUALITY OBJECTIVE

SB 700 requires each district that is designated as a serious federal non-attainment area for an applicable ambient air quality standard for Particulate Matter (PM) as of January 1, 2004, to adopt, implement, and submit for inclusion in the State Implementation Plan (SIP), a rule or regulation requiring Best Available Control Measure (BACM) for sources for which those measures are applicable and Best Available Retrofit Control Technology (BARCT) for sources for which that technology is applicable for agricultural practices. These agricultural practices include, but are not limited to, tilling, discing, cultivation, and raising of animals, and for fugitive emissions from these agricultural practices. The rules or regulations requiring BACM and BARCT for agricultural operations are to be implemented in a manner similar to other source categories by the earliest feasible date, but no later than January 1, 2006. Each district that is subject to this provision must adopt the final rule or regulation at a noticed public hearing on or before July 1, 2005.

AQMD Staff has scheduled a public workshop on August 31, 2004 to accept public testimony on the proposed rules and regulations imposing BACM or BARCT on agricultural sources.

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

The proposed amendments will include a definition for agricultural sources and eliminate exemptions applicable to equipment used by such operations.

Following are the rules that are currently proposed to be amended in order to comply with the SB 700 BACM and BARCT requirements:

102 – Definitions

219 – Exemptions from Written Permit Requirements

222 – Filing Requirements for Specific Emission Sources Not Requiring a Written Permit Pursuant to Regulation II

401 – Visible Emissions

461 – Gasoline Transfer and Dispensing

1110.1 – Emissions from Stationary Internal Combustion Engines

1110.2 – Emissions from Gaseous and Liquid-Filled Engines

AQMD is also considering rules that may need to be adopted to implement the requirements of SB 700. Rules under consideration are:

223 – Permit Requirements for Confined Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs)
1127.1 – Emissions from Poultry & Confined Animal Facilities

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and AQMD Rule 110, AQMD staff will be reviewing the proposed amended rules affected by SB700 requirements and will determine if the proposed amendments will result in any potential adverse environmental impacts. Appropriate CEQA documentation for proposed amended rules will be prepared based on the analysis.

AVAILABLE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS AND OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

Preliminary Draft Staff Report regarding SB 700 – Agricultural Operations, will be available on or before August 10, 2004.

TO OBTAIN COPIES OF THE ABOVE DOCUMENTS

Copies of the above documents may be obtained from:
Ms. Ofelia Warfield
SCAQMD Public Information Center
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(909) 396-2039

SUBMISSION OF DOCUMENTS OR COMMENTS

The public is requested to send documents, studies, data, reports, or comments that may be relevant to the amendments outlined above by August 27, 2004, to:

Shams Hasan
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Questions regarding SB 700 can be directed to Shams Hasan at 909-396-2338 or by e-mail to: shasan@aqmd.gov

Comments and suggestions regarding potential environmental impacts from SB 700 should be directed to:

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