

VENTURA COUNTY AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT

RULE 150 - GENERAL

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Regulation VIII, Emergency Action, specifies the actions that shall be taken by industry, business, commerce, educational institutions, government and the public to reduce public exposure to unhealthful ozone concentrations, to prevent ambient ozone concentrations from reaching hazardous levels, and to abate such concentrations should they occur.

A. Air Quality Surveillance

The Air Pollution Control Officer (APCO) shall maintain air monitoring stations that measure air quality on a continuing basis. Using these measurements, the APCO shall declare or predict air pollution episodes. The APCO shall make daily summaries of air monitoring data, and shall place the summaries on a public access recorded telephone message. Written summaries shall be public records and immediately after preparation shall be filed at the Air Pollution Control District to be available to the public, press, radio, television, and other communications medium.

B. Communications

The APCO shall establish an effective communications system to notify the public of the prediction or occurrence of episodes. Notifications shall be made through the press, radio, television, telephone, and other means of communications.

C. Air Pollution Abatement

If the APCO predicts or declares a Stage 1, Stage 2, or Stage 3 Episode, the APCO shall direct the owners or operators of the facilities designated in Rules 158 and 159 to implement the pre-planned air pollution abatement measures specified in those rules. Owners or operators of sources subject to Rule 158 must develop and submit written source abatement plans meeting Rule 158 specifications. Employers subject to Rule 159 must designate a person to implement the traffic abatement procedures specified in Rule 159.

D. Interdistrict Coordination

When an APCO of an adjacent air pollution control agency requests action to abate an episode occurring within that district, the Ventura County APCO shall evaluate the situation to determine whether emission sources in the Ventura County Air Pollution Control District are a significant contributing factor to the episode in the alerted district. When such sources are determined to be significant, the Ventura County APCO shall take the same actions required in the event of a similar episode occurring within the district's boundaries with a view toward reducing those emissions having a significant contribution to the air pollution level in the alerted district. Within three hours of the

receipt of the request, or as soon thereafter as reasonably possible, the Ventura County APCO shall report to the requesting air pollution control agency the actions being taken to reduce emissions.

E. Enforcement

The APCO shall enforce the appropriate provisions of this regulation against any person who, having knowledge of the declaration of an episode, refuses to comply with the rules set forth in this regulation or any order of the Air Pollution Control Board or the Air Pollution Control Officer pursuant to this regulation.

F. Source Inspection Plans

The APCO shall prepare source inspection plans for enforcing the mandatory source abatement requirements of this regulation. These plans shall be implemented when a predicted Stage 1 Episode occurs and implementation shall continue during Stage 2 and Stage 3 Episodes.

G. Source Area

A source area is the region in which air contaminants are emitted. For the purpose of this Regulation, the source area is the area of Ventura County south of the Los Padres National Forest boundary plus all offshore areas for which the Ventura County Air Pollution Control District is designated the corresponding onshore area.

H. Receptor Areas

A receptor area is the region in which air contaminants are measured. For the purpose of this Regulation, Ventura County is divided into five receptor areas:

1. Ojai Valley
2. Coastal and Inland Coastal Plain
3. Conejo Valley
4. Moorpark / Simi Valley
5. Fillmore / Piru

