



County of El Dorado Air Quality Management District

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP El Dorado County Air Quality Management District Proposed amendments to Rule 215 – Architectural Coatings

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the El Dorado County (EDC) Air Quality Management District (AQMD) has scheduled a public workshop on Tuesday, August 4, 2020, at the office of the Air Quality Management District, 330 Fair Lane, Building A, Placerville, CA 95667 from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM. The purpose of the workshop is to discuss proposed changes to Rule 215 – Architectural Coatings.

To comply with social distancing requirements from the Governor, the public participation will be handled remotely and only by telephone. If you wish to participate in the public workshop, please contact the AQMD immediately during business hours at (530) 621 7501 or via email aqmd@edcgov.us to be added to the meeting participants list.

Western EDC has been classified as "nonattainment" for the federal 8-hour ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard. Since Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) emissions are precursors to ozone formation, one of the strategies to control ozone pollution is to reduce VOC emissions from existing stationary sources. On October 26, 2007, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) adopted a Suggested Control Measure (SCM) for architectural coatings. The purpose of the SCM is to promote uniformity among district rules, improve enforceability, and achieve additional reductions of VOC emissions from the application of architectural coatings.

Rule 215 limits the emissions of VOCs from the use of architectural coatings (paints). To achieve further emissions reductions, in June 2017, the AQMD amended Rule 215 to incorporate the requirements of the 2007 SCM. Although the 2017 amendment was reviewed and approved by United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 9 staff in 2017, upon further review in 2019, EPA staff determined that there were slight language differences between the 2007 SCM and Rule 215. AQMD staff is now proposing a minor revision to Rule 215 to correct the language differences.

The VOC content limits in proposed revised Rule 215 are the same and are not stricter than those found in the SCM. The other air districts within the Sacramento Federal Ozone Nonattainment Area: Sacramento Metropolitan; Placer County; Yolo-Solano; and Feather River air districts; have all revised their architectural coatings rules to be consistent with the SCM.

Copies of this notice, the proposed rules and the draft staff report are posted on AQMD's website at: www.edcgov.us/AirQualityManagement. Written comments prior to the workshop are preferred. Please provide comments in writing to: El Dorado County AQMD, 330 Fair Lane, Building A, Placerville, CA 95667. You can also submit comments via email to aqmd@edcgov.us. Questions should be directed to Rania Serieh, Air Quality Engineer (530) 621-7509.