



**PROPOSED RULE 415 – ODORS FROM RENDERING FACILITIES**

**Thursday, March 5, 2015**

**2:00 p.m.**

**Bristow Park**

**1466 S. McDonnell Ave**

**Commerce, CA 90040**

**Bristow Meeting Room**



**Purpose of This Meeting**

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) has scheduled a public workshop and CEQA scoping meeting for the purpose of soliciting information, comments, and suggestions from the public and affected businesses regarding **Proposed Rule (PR) 415 – Odors from Rendering Facilities**. This notice serves to inform the public and potentially affected facilities of the proposed new requirements. PR 415 is scheduled for a Public Hearing before the SCAQMD Governing Board on May 1, 2015.

**Air Quality Objective**

The objective of the proposed rule is to reduce public exposure to odors from rendering facilities. This proposed rule addresses an important air quality issue from the Clean Communities Plan for Boyle Heights.

**Background**

Public exposure to odors from new and existing rendering facilities will be reduced through implementation of the proposed rule, which includes requirements for best management practices (BMP) for odor control. In addition, the rule establishes core requirements for new and existing facilities intended to reduce odor events. If a facility continues to have an issue with odors after implementation of the proposed rule requirements, that facility will submit an Odor Mitigation Plan detailing how odor events will be prevented from occurring in the future.

SCAQMD staff has been soliciting input from a working group comprised of community members, environmental groups, and affected facilities, and has received comments regarding the current proposal. SCAQMD staff is now seeking additional input on the proposed rule, including the technical and economic feasibility of the proposal, its potential economic impact, and its effectiveness at reducing public exposure to odors in the future. All comments received will assist staff in refining the rule proposal.

**Summary of Proposed Rule**

The following is a summary of PR 415:

- Applicable to new and existing animal rendering plants.
- Odor BMP requirements for the transportation and handling of rendering material, and cleaning and maintenance at the rendering plants.
- Enclosure and odor control requirements for the receipt and processing of rendering material and wastewater.
- Odor Mitigation Plan (OMP) for facilities with continuing odor issues.

## Available Supporting Documents

The following supporting documents will be available on or before the close of business on February 18, 2015:

- Draft Proposed Rule 415
- Preliminary Draft Staff Report for PR 415

## To Obtain Copies of the Above Documents

Copies of the proposed rules and the preliminary draft staff reports may be obtained from:

Mr. Derrick Alatorre  
Public Information Center  
SCAQMD  
21865 Copley Drive  
Diamond Bar, CA 91765  
(909) 396-2039  
[PICrequests@aqmd.gov](mailto:PICrequests@aqmd.gov)

## Submittal of Documents or Comments

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

Mr. Tracy A. Goss, P.E.  
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SCAQMD  
21865 Copley Drive  
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Written comments on this proposed rule should be submitted by **March 18, 2015**.

## California Environmental Quality Act

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and SCAQMD Certified Regulatory Program (Rule 110), the SCAQMD will be reviewing PR 415 and will determine if the proposed rule will result in any potential adverse environmental impacts. Appropriate CEQA documentation for PR 415 will be prepared based on the analysis.

Comments and suggestions regarding the CEQA analysis for PR 415 should be directed to:

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