



Notice of Public Workshop

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO RULE 1186.1 – LESS POLLUTING SWEEPERS



Tuesday, November 18, 2008

10:00 a.m.

AQMD Headquarters

21865 Copley Drive

Diamond Bar, CA 91765

Auditorium

NOTE: For those unable to attend the public workshop in person, a live internet broadcast (webcasting) will be available; however, only workshop attendees will be able to submit questions and comments to SCAQMD staff during the workshop.

Purpose of the Meeting

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) is inviting you to a public workshop to solicit information and suggestions on proposed administrative amendments to **Rule 1186.1**, applicable to public fleet operators and privately owned fleets providing sweeping services to government agencies. The amendments may be revised based on comments received at the public workshop and on written comments.

Air Quality Objective

The South Coast Air Quality Management District adopted a series of rules that require the increased use of cleaner fleet vehicles in the SCAQMD. The objective of the amendments is to make certain minor changes to rule language in order to facilitate implementation.

In August 2000, the SCAQMD adopted Rule 1186.1 – Less-Polluting Sweepers. Rule 1186.1 requires the purchase of alternative fuel sweepers when affected fleets contract with government agencies replace or add a sweeper to their fleet, subsequent to July 1, 2002. In addition, for

government agencies that obtain sweeping services from a private contractor, Rule 1186.1 subparagraph (d)(2)(A) requires the government agency to contract for sweeping services that use alternative-fuel sweepers, for sweeping contracts executed subsequent to July 1, 2002.

In the process of evaluating the effectiveness of Rule 1186.1 subparagraph (d)(2)(A) implementation, SCAQMD staff has become aware of instances where government agencies may not be enforcing conditions of their street sweeper services contracts that require the use of alternative-fuel street sweepers. While the government agency has complied with the specific requirement of Rule 1186.1 subparagraph (d)(2)(A) to contract for sweeping services that use alternative-fuel sweepers, there have been incidences where sweeping services are being performed by non-rule compliant sweepers. In this situation, AQMD views the government agency as complying with Rule 1186.1 subparagraph (d)(2)(A); however, the intent of Rule 1186.1 is being violated relative to the use of alternative-fuel sweepers for the purpose of reducing toxic and criteria pollutant emissions.

Proposal

The SCAQMD staff seeks your input on proposed administrative amendments to Rule 1186.1 that would require government agencies fully enforce contracts for sweeping services required under Rule 1186.1 subparagraph (d)(2)(A). In addition, administrative amendments are proposed to address the sweeping services when rule compliant vehicles are on order.

California Environmental Quality Act

Staff is evaluating the proposed project, and pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and SCAQMD Rule 110, appropriate CEQA documentation will be prepared for proposed amended Rule 1186.1. Comments or questions regarding CEQA for the proposed project should be directed to:

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Available Supporting Documents and other Relevant Information

Copies of the following supporting documents are available.

- PAR 1186.1
- Draft Staff Report
- Previously Certified Final Program Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Fleet Vehicle Rules and Related Rule Amendments

To Obtain Copies of the Above Referenced Documents

Copies of PAR 1186.1 and the Draft Staff Reports may be obtained from:

Ms. Lourdes Cordova Martinez
Public Information Center
SCAQMD
21865 Copley Drive
Diamond Bar, CA 91765
(909) 396-2039

Submission of Documents or Comments

The public is requested to send documents, studies, reports, data, or comments relevant to the development of PAR 1186.1, except for comments relating to the CEQA documentation, to:

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Science and Technology Advancement
SCAQMD
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(909) 396-3143

All written comments must be submitted by **November 25, 2008**, to be considered in the version of the proposed amended rule to be considered by the SCAQMD Governing Board.