

Amendments to Rule 1304: Part 70 Permits

Board of Directors Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District

Our Mission: To protect the people and the environment of Santa Barbara County from the effects of air pollution.

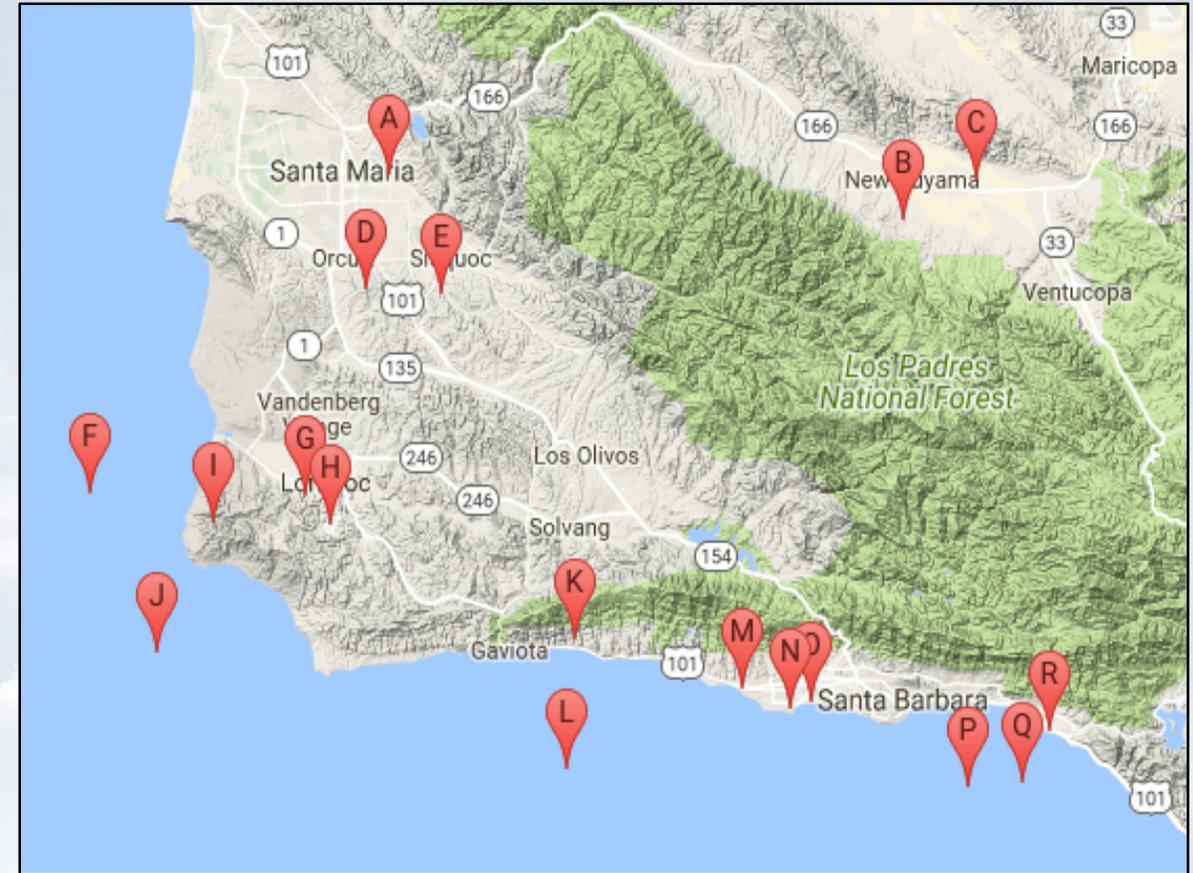
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Regulation XIII Background

- Based on the 1990 Federal Clean Air Act
- Regulation XIII applies to major stationary sources of air pollution
 - Large Processing Facilities
 - Offshore Oil Platforms
 - Landfills
 - Vandenberg AFB & UCSB
- Regulation XIII consolidates federal requirements into the permit



Rule 1304 Background

- Rule 1304 contains the requirements for public involvement.
- Prior to issuing/renewing a Part 70 permit, a newspaper notice is required to:
 - Notify the public about the draft permit,
 - Make the permit evaluation available for review, and
 - Allow the public the opportunity to request a hearing.
- Intent is to allow the public to stay informed and able to actively participate in the permit process.

E-Notice & E-Access

- Since the 1990s, newspaper subscriptions have been declining.
- **November 2016:** EPA amended their rules to allow the District to issue an electronic notice (“e-notice”) and electronic access (“e-access”) in lieu of a newspaper notice.
- **E-Notice:** Public notice posted online and sent to the e-mail subscription list.
- **E-Access:** The draft permit, the permit application, and supporting materials can be accessed online.

Rule Impacts

1) Reduces the administrative noticing costs

- Issuing around 6 newspaper notices per year for Part 70 sources
- Saves District staff time
- Decreases the permitting fees for Part 70 sources
 - Approximately \$500 - \$1,000 per renewal

2) Maintain public awareness

- Encourage the public to subscribe to the e-notices.
- Staff anticipates that there will be increased public participation.



Subscribe to Alerts, News and Notices

I WANT TO...

- Make an air pollution complaint
- Find District offices
- Contact a staff person
- Learn about air pollution and health
- Learn about smoke and health
- Apply for a permit
- Find out about funding programs
- Make a request for public records
- View Board Agenda
- See what's new
- Apply for a job at the District
- View rules
- Find asbestos info
- See what I can do for cleaner air
- Find resources for students and teachers
- Invite the District to an event or presentation
- Find burn permits info

Subscribe to our email lists

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Email

- Air Quality Alerts and Prescribed Burns
 - News
 - Public Notices (includes Permits, Rule Development, and Workshops)
 - Board of Directors Meetings
 - Hearing Board Meetings
 - Community Advisory Council meetings
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air quality news and information



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fun and informative videos



County of SB TV

District Board public meetings



Neighborhood based

air quality advisories and news

Rulemaking Timeline

- **November 2016:** EPA amended their rules to allow for e-notices
- **October 2017:** Model rule language published by EPA and CAPCOA
- **November 2017:** Released draft rule and staff report
- **January 2018:** District Community Advisory Council (CAC) meeting
- **October 2018:** Board of Directors Hearing

Key Issues and Findings

- **CARB comments:** No comments received.
- **EPA comments:** Minor grammatical comments received.
- **Public comments:** No comments received.
- **CAC Meeting:**
 - District needs to inform newspaper readers to transition to subscription lists.
 - Conduct public outreach to increase awareness.
 - CAC recommended approval of the rule amendment.

Staff Recommendation

- Hold a public hearing and receive testimony on the proposed amendments to Rule 1304
- Adopt the Board Resolution approving the amendments to Rule 1304
 - Adopt the CEQA Findings
 - Adopt the Health & Safety Code General Rule Findings
 - Adopt the amendments to Rule 1304

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