



air pollution control district
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 14, 2021

TO: Community Advisory Council (CAC) Members

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SUBJECT: Joint Public Workshop & Special CAC Meeting to Discuss and Consider Draft Rule 363, Particulate Matter (PM) Control Devices

At the April 28, 2021 Joint Public Workshop/CAC Special Meeting, District staff will present information regarding Draft Rule 363, Particulate Matter (PM) Control Devices. Rule 363 is a proposed new prohibitory rule that would require visible emission observations and maintenance checks on control equipment, such as baghouses and cyclones, to make sure that they are properly maintained and not venting excessive PM emissions. Large baghouses would also be required to use a bag leak detection system and be source tested to demonstrate compliance with the emission limits in the rule.

The standards in Rule 363 were created to satisfy the Best Available Retrofit Control Technology (BARCT) requirements for units that are part of an “Assembly Bill (AB) 617 industrial source.” The rule is applicable to all six AB 617 industrial sources within Santa Barbara County, but at this time it is expected to affect one facility: Imerys Filtration Minerals, Inc, a diatomaceous earth processing facility in Lompoc that has over 60 different PM control devices of various sizes.

District staff will conduct a public workshop to review and discuss Draft Rule 363. After the workshop, staff will be available to answer any questions about the draft rule language and the staff report. The CAC will then discuss and consider recommending that the District Board adopt Rule 363.

Copies of the draft rule and relevant supporting documents are available for review from the District’s website, www.ourair.org/rules-under-development. Additional background information regarding particulate matter can be found at www.ourair.org/particle-pollution-and-health. If there are questions or concerns that you would like to discuss beforehand, please contact me at (805) 961-8883 / e-mail: MitroT@sbcapcd.org.

Attachments:

- A. Draft Rule 363
- B. Rule 363 Staff Report

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