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Good afternoon. I would like to submit the following updates from South Coast AQMD as written public comment for your City Council meeting to be held on 01/09/2024

#### 34th Annual Clean Air Awards

South Coast AQMD is still accepting nominations for the 34th Annual Clean Air Awards, which will be held in-person on Friday, April 5th, 2024, at 11:30 a.m. The event will feature our esteemed awardees, distinguished speakers, and special guests. For over three decades, South Coast AQMD has honored those who have made outstanding clean air contributions to improve the health of our communities and the economy. Our air is cleaner today, and our families are healthier because of their efforts. Past awardees have made significant contributions in the areas of innovative clean air technology and leadership. From cities going above and beyond to create sustainable communities to youth campaigns that have improved the quality of life in their neighborhoods, we believe it is important to recognize those who are doing their part to help clean the air and protect our health.

Nominations are open in the following categories:

- S. Roy Wilson Award for Leadership in Government
- Robert M. Zweig, M.D. Memorial Award
- Dr. William A. Burke Award for Leadership in Environmental Justice
- John J. and Ben J. Benoit Award for Innovative Clean Air Technology
- Leadership in Air Quality
- Youth Leadership in Air Quality

Nominations can be submitted at <https://bit.ly/Clean-Air-Nominations>. The Deadline to submit nominations is January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

#### South Coast AQMD's Rule 1180 and 1180.1

On January 5, 2024, the South Coast AQMD Governing Board voted to amend Rule 1180 – Fenceline and Community Air Monitoring for Petroleum Refineries and Related Facilities, and adopt Rule 1180.1 – Fenceline and Community Air Monitoring for Other Refineries. These rules will require refineries and facilities with operations related to refineries, many of which are located near South Bay Communities, to monitor certain air pollutants at or near their fenceline, and to fund the installation and operation of monitoring stations within the community near their facilities. Amended Rule 1180 now removes an exemption, includes facilities with operations related to petroleum refineries, and includes monitoring requirements for additional air pollutants. Rule 1180.1 will establish similar fenceline and community monitoring requirements for smaller refineries that are not currently subject to Rule 1180.

For more information on these rules or to access the Rule 1180 Data Dashboard, visit <https://bit.ly/Rule-1180>.

Regards,

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For asbestos-related inquiries, please call our asbestos hotline at 909-396-2336.