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Hello,

My name is Brandee Keith and I would like to share the following updates from the South Coast AQMD with the City Council and members of the public at the City Council Meeting on 3/12/24.

Registration is now Open for the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Clean Air Awards

For over three decades, South Coast AQMD has honored those across the region who have helped to improve the air we breathe. The 34th Annual Clean Air Awards will recognize achievements 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

Date: Friday, April 5, 2024 at 11:30 a.m.

Registration for virtual event is required by Thursday, April 4, 2024 at <https://bit.ly/3wHdU2Y>

For more information, please call 909-396-2432 or by email at [CleanAirAwards@aqmd.gov](mailto:CleanAirAwards@aqmd.gov) or visit our website

Rule 1118

The South Coast AQMD Governing Board has set a public hearing for April 5, 2024, to amend Rule 1118 - Control of Emissions from Refinery Flares. If amended, Rule 1118 will reduce emissions from refinery flares by lowering the SO<sub>2</sub> performance target for general service flares, establish a new NO<sub>x</sub> performance target for hydrogen production plants, and establish a throughput threshold for clean service flares. PAR 1118 will also increase mitigation fees and fulfill AB 617 CERP air quality commitment priorities related to refinery flaring. We invite residents from the South Bay to continue to take part and share their input. For more information on these rules and on the upcoming Public Hearing, please visit the [Proposed Rule 1118](#) page on our district web site, [www.aqmd.gov](http://www.aqmd.gov), or contact: Zoya Banan, (909) 396-2332 and [zbanan@aqmd.gov](mailto:zbanan@aqmd.gov).

Virtual Earth Day, April 19th

South Coast AQMD is excited to host a Virtual Earth Day on Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, with programming specially designed for elementary and high school students as part of our educational initiatives, Why Healthy Air Matters (WHAM) and our Clean Air Program for Elementary Students (CAPES). Please see our attached flyers for more information and for links to register for the event. We invite you to feel free to share the information, and/or the flyers, with your program

participants, contacts, or online community. The event will kick off at 10 a.m. for high school students, and 12 p.m. for younger students. Registration is required.

For more information on our education programs for high school and elementary students, visit <https://www.aqmd.gov/home/programs/education>.

Grant Funding for Charging Infrastructure

California Energy Commission (CEC) is now taking applications for grant funding for [Charging Infrastructure for Government Fleets](#) under their [Clean Transportation Program](#). Up to \$30 million is available for projects that will provide electric vehicle charging infrastructure for light-duty government fleets. The purpose of these funds is to support electrification of government fleets, local government goals of sustainability and/or climate action plans and reduce vehicle emissions in disadvantaged and/or low-income communities.

Application Deadline is April 5, 2024. To apply, or for more information, visit <https://tinyurl.com/33hjvzr5>.

Regards,

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To report an air quality issue, please call 1-800-CUT SMOG.

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