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Good afternoon,

I'd like to submit the following news from our agency as public comment for the Planning and Environmental Commission Meeting on Tuesday, July 16, 2024.

Rule 1146.2 – Emissions of Oxides of Nitrogen from Large Water Heaters, Small Boilers and Process Heaters

On June 7, the South Coast AQMD Governing Board approved new amendments to Rule 1146.2, Emissions of Oxides of Nitrogen from Large Water Heaters, Small Boilers and Process Heaters, with a rated heat input capacity between 75,000 Btu/hr and 2 MMBtu/hr, that will require applicable units in new and existing buildings to transition to zero-emission technologies.

- Rule 1146.2 aligns with building standards and technological advancements, facilitating compliance and promoting cleaner air.
 - Compliance deadlines are scheduled in a three-phased approach:
 - For smaller units in new buildings: January 1, 2026, and for installations in all buildings after January 1, 2029.
 - For larger units and pool heaters in new buildings: January 1, 2028, and for installations in all buildings after January 1, 2031.
 - For high-temperature units in new buildings: January 1, 2029, and for installations in all buildings after January 1, 2033.
- The amended rule will result in a reduction of approximately 5.6 tons per day of nitrogen oxides (NOx) emissions, a significant contributor to smog in our region.
- By reducing NOx emissions, we are not only enhancing air quality but also advancing toward attainment of federal air pollution standards by 2037.
- To support our communities and businesses, South Coast AQMD is currently launching the GO Zero Rebate Program, a zero-emission building appliance rebate program.
- Funding for the program is expected to be available early 2025 to assist in offsetting costs and promoting the adoption of cleaner technologies.
- It will be on a first come, first served basis, with a pilot allocation of \$21 million with the potential to increase funding five-fold.

- 75% of the rebate funding will be designated for overburdened communities as identified through CalEnviroScreen.

Save the Date for the 10th Annual Environmental Justice Conference

Save the date for the 10th Annual Environmental Justice Conference, “A Decade of Collaboration for Clean Air.” Join us in-person at Town and Gown of the University of Southern California in Los Angeles on Thursday, October 24, 2024.

The Environmental Justice Conference will include enlightening plenary sessions, speakers, and networking opportunities. Connect with a diverse array of stakeholders, including community members, environmental justice advocates, policymakers, health experts, and business leaders. The event is free and includes a complimentary breakfast and lunch.

For more information email EJCP@aqmd.gov.

Best Regards,

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