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COMPLIANCE ADVISORY

Rule 19.2 – Continuous Emission Monitoring Requirements

On October 12, 2023, the San Diego County Air Pollution Control District (District) Governing Board adopted revisions to District Rule 19.2 – Continuous Emission Monitoring Requirements. Rule 19.2 applies to continuous emission monitoring systems (CEMS) that are required by the District, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) or the California Air Resources Board (CARB) and are subject to a gas concentration or emission rate standard. The amendments ensure the rule aligns with federal CEMS requirements in 40 CFR Parts 51, 60 and 75, and provide clarity to those subject to the rule when used in conjunction with federal regulations.

Facilities that are already operating a CEMS in accordance with applicable federal requirements are not expected to require any changes to permit conditions and/or operations. Nonetheless, the Rule 19.2 amendments include new requirements, such as: (1) submission of a quality assurance/quality control operating program(s) for CEMS to the District by June 30, 2024, and (2) maintaining CEMS data gathering through at least 95% of the emission unit operating hours for each reporting period. Facilities are encouraged to review the amended rule, and other new requirements may apply. District Inspectors will verify compliance with all applicable requirements as part of completing routine inspections.

A copy of the amended rule is available on the District's website at https://bit.ly/SDAPCDRules. For compliance-related CEMS questions, please contact the District's Compliance Division at (858) 586-2650 or apcdcomp@sdapcd.org. For technical CEMS questions, please contact Nathan Gutzwiller, Senior Chemist, at (858) 586-2775 or nathan.gutzwiller@sdapcd.org.