



# San Diego County Air Pollution Control District

May 30, 2024

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP

### FOR DISCUSSION OF DRAFT PROPOSED AMENDED RULE 69.6 – NATURAL GAS-FIRED FAN-TYPE CENTRAL FURNACES

The San Diego County Air Pollution Control District (District) invites you to participate in the following virtual public workshop to provide input about draft proposed amendments to Rule 69.6 – Natural Gas-Fired Fan-Type Central Furnaces. Comments and questions concerning this proposal may be submitted in writing before or during the workshop, which is scheduled for:

**DATE:** Tuesday, June 18, 2024

**TIME:** 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**HOW TO PARTICIPATE:** Register via web browser or mobile device at:

<https://bit.ly/4byAZEm> (Meeting ID: 894 9322 5566, Passcode: 039282)

**NOTE:** Workshop may conclude earlier than the scheduled time if comments have been addressed.

As currently written, Rule 69.6 is a point-of-sale rule that applies to any new natural gas-fired, fan-type central furnace with a rated heat input capacity less than 175,000 Btu per hour, and for combination heating and cooling units with a rated cooling capacity less than 65,000 Btu per hour, which are distributed, sold, offered for sale, or installed within San Diego County. If adopted by the Governing Board, the proposed amendments would lower emission standards for nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>), effective six months after Governing Board adoption. NO<sub>x</sub> emissions impact local and regional air quality and contribute to the formation of ozone and secondary particulate matter.

In summary, the proposed amendments to Rule 69.6 will:

- Lower the existing emission standard for furnaces (except those to be used in manufactured or mobile homes) from 40 nanograms of nitrogen oxides per joule (ng NO<sub>x</sub>/J) to 14 ng NO<sub>x</sub>/J.
- Specify new emission standards for furnaces installed in manufactured and mobile homes to not exceed 40 ng NO<sub>x</sub>/J.
- For each furnace model sold, require manufacturer certification statements, approved by the District, South Coast Air Quality Management District, San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District, or Bay Area Air Quality Management District, to be provided upon request.
- Allow for alternative test methods to be used to demonstrate compliance if approved by the District.

#### Draft Documents

A copy of draft proposed amendments to Rule 69.6 is available on the District's Rule Development website at <https://bit.ly/workshops-public-notices>. Those unable to access the document may contact Janet McCue at (858) 586-2712 or [Janet.McCue@sdapcd.org](mailto:Janet.McCue@sdapcd.org).

#### Comment Deadline

Comments and questions regarding draft proposed amendments to Rule 69.6 may be made verbally during the public workshop, or in writing before the workshop. All written comments must be submitted no later than Tuesday, July 2, 2024. Please email all written comments directly to Archi dela Cruz at [Archi.delaCruz@sdapcd.org](mailto:Archi.delaCruz@sdapcd.org). Please contact Archi dela Cruz at (858) 586-2894 with any questions.

#### \*\*ASSISTANCE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Agendas and records are available in alternative formats upon request. Contact Janet McCue at (858) 586-2712 with questions or to request a disability-related accommodation including sign language interpretation. To the extent reasonably possible, requests for accommodation or assistance should be submitted at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting so that arrangements may be made.

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