



November 18, 2024

NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP

FOR DISCUSSION OF DRAFT PROPOSED NEW RULE 67.26 – COMMERCIAL CHARBROILING OPERATIONS & CORRESPONDING DRAFT PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO RULES 11, 12, & 40

The San Diego County Air Pollution Control District (District) invites you to participate in the following virtual public workshop to provide input regarding draft proposed new Rule 67.26 – Commercial Charbroiling Operations, and corresponding draft proposed amendments to Rule 11 (Exemptions from Rule 10 Permit Requirements), Rule 12 (Registration of Specified Equipment), and Rule 40 (Permit and Other Fees). Comments and questions concerning this proposal may be submitted in writing before or during the workshop, which is scheduled for:

DATE: **Wednesday, December 4, 2024**

TIME: **9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**

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

<https://bit.ly/3NGorAO> (Meeting ID: 843 3124 0948, Passcode: 232035)

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

Currently, San Diego County does not meet State and federal ozone standards and may soon be designated as a nonattainment area for the new federal (more stringent) Particulate Matter (PM) 2.5 standard. As a result, proposed new Rule 67.26 (Commercial Charbroiling Operations) would help the region attain compliance with such standards by further controlling PM and Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) emissions. Proposed new Rule 67.26 would regulate emissions specifically from chain-driven charbroilers, operated at commercial cooking facilities within San Diego County. A chain-driven charbroiler (commonly used at fast-food restaurants) is a semi-enclosed cooking device that uses conveyor belts to carry the food through flames and a heated area to quickly cook the top and bottom of the food simultaneously. During the cooking process, emissions are generated which contain harmful pollutants such as PM and VOCs that can affect public health. PM contains small particulates that can easily bypass the natural filters in the nose and throat, reach deep into the lungs and cause respiratory problems. VOCs are organic compounds that chemically react with other existing compounds in the atmosphere and form ground-level ozone (commonly known as smog).

Proposed new Rule 67.26 requirements would include but are not limited to: (1) Apply to owners/operators cooking at least 415 pounds (lbs.) a week of meat on each chain-driven charbroiler at a commercial facility; (2) Require installation of a flameless catalytic oxidizer (FCO) to control 83% of PM emissions and 86% of VOC emissions from each subject chain-driven charbroiler; (3) Require registration, pursuant to Rule 12, for chain-driven charbroilers operating with a FCO certified by the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD); (4) For chain-driven charbroilers operating with non-certified FCOs or alternative emissions controls, require a Permit to Operate pursuant to Rule 10; and (5) Require proper maintenance of equipment and recordkeeping of charbroiling cooking operations. If considered and adopted by the District's Governing Board, the proposed new rule would become effective on July 1, 2025. As proposed, corresponding and concurrent amendments to Rules 11, 12, and 40 will also be necessary to accommodate proposed new Rule 67.26, should the Governing Board adopt it.

Draft Documents

A copy of draft proposed new Rule 67.26, as well as draft proposed amendments to Rules 11, 12, and 40, are 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.

Comment Deadline

Comments and questions regarding draft proposed new Rule 67.26, or draft proposed amendments to Rules 11, 12, and 40, may be made verbally during the public workshop, or in writing before the workshop. All written comments must be submitted no later than Friday, December 20, 2024. Please email all written comments directly to Miriam Sanchez at Miriam.Sanchez@sdapcd.org. Please contact Miriam Sanchez at (858) 586-2850 with any questions.

****Assistance for Persons with Disabilities & Language Interpreter Requests**

Information will be available in alternative formats upon request. To the extent reasonably possible, requests for disability-related accommodation including sign language interpretation and language interpreter services should be submitted no later than Friday, November 29, 2024, so that arrangements may be made. Contact Janet McCue at (858) 586-2712 or Janet.McCue@sdapcd.org with questions or to make requests.