



El Dorado County Air Quality Management District

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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Proposed amendments to Rule 215, Architectural Coatings

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the El Dorado County Air Quality Management District (AQMD) has scheduled a public hearing on July 16, 2024, at the El Dorado County Board of Supervisor's Hearing Room, 330 Fair Lane, Placerville, California, at 8 AM or thereafter. AQMD is recommending the Air District Board of Directors adopt proposed amendments to Rule 215 – Architectural Coatings.

Ozone is created by a chemical reaction between volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and oxides of nitrogen (NOx) in the presence of sunlight. Breathing ozone has both short and long term negative health effects, ranging from decreased lung capacity, chest pains, wheezing, lung disease, and potentially increased risk of cardiovascular problems. Western El Dorado County is in "nonattainment" of the federal 8-hour ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS). Rule 215 limits the emissions of VOCs from the use of architectural coatings (paints). The rule applies to anyone who supplies, manufactures, blends, markets, repackages, sells, offers for sale, applies, or solicits the application of any architectural coating for use in the District. To achieve further emissions reductions, AQMD is proposing to lower the allowable content of VOCs in architectural coatings consistent with the California Air Resources Board's Suggested Control Measure (SCM) from 2019. The VOCs content limits in proposed Rule 215 are the same and are not stricter than those found in the SCM. The other air districts within the Sacramento Federal Nonattainment Area (SFNA)—Sacramento Metropolitan, Placer County, Yolo-Solano, and Feather River air districts—have already revised or will be revising their architectural coatings rules to be consistent with the SCM by July 2024. This update to Rule 215 is a commitment made previously by AQMD in the State Implementation Plan (SIP).

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that if adopted, Rule 215 will be submitted through the California Air Resources Board to the United States Environmental Protection Agency as a revision to SIP.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that all interested persons may examine or request a copy of the proposed rule and associated documents at the AQMD office at 330 Fair Lane, Building A, Placerville, CA 95667 from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday through Friday by advance appointment. Copies of this notice and the rule are posted on the AQMD website <https://www.eldoradocounty.ca.gov/Land-Use/Air-Quality-Management-District>. Please submit any comments in writing to EDCAQMD 330 Fair Lane, Placerville, CA 95667, or via aqmd@edcgov.us. If you have any questions or would like to make an appointment, please contact Rania Serieh at (530) 621-7509.