



**El Dorado County
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
El Dorado County Air Quality Management District
Proposed Adoption New Rule 611, Clean Air Act Nonattainment Fees**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the El Dorado County Air Quality Management District (EDCAQMD) has scheduled a public hearing on January 23, 2024, at the El Dorado County Board of Supervisor's Hearing Room, 330 Fair Lane, Placerville, California, at 9AM or thereafter. EDCAQMD is recommending the Air District Board of Directors adopt new Rule 611, Clean Air Act Nonattainment Fees.

Ground-level ozone is an air pollutant regulated by both state and federal laws. It is a colorless natural gas created by a chemical reaction between Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) and Nitrogen Oxides (NOx) emissions in the presence of sunlight. Breathing ozone can have short and long-term negative health effects, ranging from decreased lung capacity, chest pains, wheezing, lung disease, and increased risk of cardiovascular problems. The Sacramento Federal Nonattainment Area (SFNA), which includes the western portion of EDC, does not meet the 2015 federal standard established for ozone.

The proposed new Rule 611 implements a federal Clean Air Act requirement to charge major stationary sources penalty fees if EPA has determined the SFNA has not attained a federal ozone standard by the applicable deadline. Currently, there are no major stationary sources in EDC. Proposed Rule 611 applies to all existing and future ozone standards, including the 1997, 2008, and 2015 federal ozone standards. The adoption of Rule 611 is intended to satisfy the requirements of the federal Clean Air Act Sections 110 and 185, Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations Part 51 and satisfy the EPA's failure of finding to submit a required State Implementation Plan (SIP) element for the 2008 federal ozone standard.

If approved, Rule 611 will be submitted to the EPA to be included in the SIP.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that all interested persons may examine or request a copy of the proposed rule and associated documents at the EDCAQMD 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 rules are posted on the EDCAQMD website (www.edcgov.us/airqualitymanagement). 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, then please contact Rania Serieh at (530) 621-7509.

Thank you for working with us to improve air quality!