



**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
**Before the**  
**VENTURA COUNTY AIR POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD**  
**For Considering Adoption of Amendments to an**  
**Existing Air Pollution Control District Rule**  
  
**Amended Rule 71.1, Crude Oil Production and Separation**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held before the Air Pollution Control Board of Ventura County to consider adoption of amendments to Rule 71.1.

STAFF IS PROPOSING amendments to Rule 71.1 in response to a partial disapproval of the California Air Resources Board (CARB) Greenhouse Gas Emission Standards for Crude Oil and Natural Gas Facilities (Oil and Gas Methane Rule) by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). Ventura County Air Pollution Control District (District) had relied on the Oil and Gas Methane Rule to ensure oil and gas facilities in the District were controlled at reasonably available control technology (RACT) level as required for an ozone nonattainment area classified as “serious”. USEPA identified deficiencies in District Rule 71.1 that need to be addressed to comply with RACT requirements. The amendments to Rule 71.1 include: clarifying and codifying in rule language existing permit requirements for flares used to control emissions of reactive organic compounds (ROC), increasing the destruction or removal efficiency requirements for control methods from 90 percent by weight to 95 percent by weight, and clarifying testing requirements to demonstrate compliance, and addition of monthly EPA Method 22 monitoring for flares. In addition, periodic reporting requirements are proposed.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE, including the analysis required by Health and Safety Code Section 40727.2, is available for review by any interested party at the Air Pollution Control District office located at 4567 Telephone Road 2nd Floor, Ventura, California, 93003 during normal business hours (Monday through Friday, 8 am to 5 pm excluding holidays). They are also available on the district website at [www.vcapcd.org](http://www.vcapcd.org). Written comments may be addressed to Tyler Harris at the District Office or by email: [tyler@vcapcd.org](mailto:tyler@vcapcd.org), (805) 303-3661, and should be received no later than July 3, 2023.

AS A RESULT of the public hearing, the Board (1) may adopt the rule amendments as proposed by staff, or (2) may not adopt the rule amendments. Staff recommends the Board adopt the proposed revisions.

SAID PUBLIC HEARING is to be held before the Air Pollution Control Board on Tuesday, July 11, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors Meeting Room, Main Plaza Level of

the Administration Building, Ventura County Government Center, 800 South Victoria Avenue, Ventura, California.

YOU ARE INVITED to attend this meeting and be heard on this matter. For instructions on how to attend virtually or how to submit comments, you may read the instructions located inside the public agenda for the hearing, to be posted on our website the week prior to the scheduled hearing. You may visit

[http://www.vcapcd.org/agendas.htm#The Air Pollution Control Board](http://www.vcapcd.org/agendas.htm#The_Air_Pollution_Control_Board) to access the District's Boards and Committees webpage.