Compliance Assistance
Help Reduce Air Pollution and Avoid Costly Violations

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About the AQMD

The Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District (AQMD) works with local, state, and federal government agencies, the business community, and private citizens to achieve and maintain healthy air quality for Sacramento County. Its jurisdiction includes all unincorporated areas of Sacramento County, as well as the cities of Citrus Heights, Elk Grove, Folsom, Galt, Isleton, Rancho Cordova and Sacramento.

Compliance Assistance

The AQMD offers a free Compliance Assistance Program (CAP) to help any business or organization understand air quality rules to reduce air pollution in Sacramento County. This resource offers you solutions to both technical and general questions. By contacting CAP staff you can get your issues addressed quickly and efficiently. Our staff will assist you on a variety of topics, including:

- Rule interpretations
- Permit applications
- Facility reports
- Asbestos issues
- Emission calculations
- Record keeping requirements
- Portable equipment issues

The CAP is designed to offer assistance to all sectors of the regulated community. Many businesses can benefit from this program including coating operations, gasoline stations, wood product manufacturers, asphalt and concrete batch facilities, construction operations, and facilities operating boilers and internal combustion engines. The CAP offers support by providing these main services:

- The CAP Hotline: (916) 874-4884
- Facility Review and Consultation (FRC)
- Compliance Training

These elements are designed to work separately or in conjunction with each other in the effort to assist you and your business comply with regulatory requirements and help improve air quality in our region.

The CAP Hotline

The CAP Hotline is designed so that, where possible, businesses have a single point of contact when they call for assistance. Hotline personnel will either help you with your questions or direct you to the most appropriate person or agency that can best assist you.

By calling the CAP Hotline you can receive assistance with interpreting a rule or permit requirement, figure out what steps you need to take to obtain a Permit to Operate, or ask general air quality questions. To call the CAP Hotline, call (916) 874-4884.

Facility Review

A Facility Review and Consultation (FRC) is a free on-site review of your business’s compliance status. This is not an official inspection. It is a chance for you to have a compliance assistance specialist show you what needs to be done in order to comply with AQMD rules.

A Facility Review is beneficial to all types of businesses and organizations, permitted or unpermitted, who are subject to AQMD regulations and permit requirements. Violations can be costly so use this resource to improve air quality and your bottom line.

During the Facility Review the specialist will:

- Verify your business compliance through a complete review of AQMD permit conditions, record keeping and applicable rules.
- Identify potential AQMD rule violations and determine corrective actions.
- Assist with AQMD permit applications, facility reports and record keeping forms.
- Address your questions or issues concerning new AQMD rules.

Facility Review vs. Compliance Inspection

A Facility Review is NOT a compliance inspection. The compliance status of your facility at the time of this review will not be discussed with AQMD enforcement staff. Information gathered and processes observed will not be used for any enforcement actions.

It is a proactive analysis to help you meet all air quality requirements that pertain to your business. Even if problems are identified, a citation is not issued. We want to help you achieve compliance because it benefits you and the community.

Having an FRC, however, is not a way to avoid a violation found during an official inspection. An official inspection can occur at any time. Issues identified by the CAP specialist should be corrected immediately to avoid costly penalties.

Compliance Training

AQMD staff is available for technical presentations to trade associations, industry groups, and others wishing to know more about AQMD rules and air quality issues. To arrange a training session with one of our technical specialists, please call the Compliance Assistance Hotline at (916) 874-4884.

Additional Information

Visit our website at www.AirQuality.org for additional information and assistance. The Compliance Assistance section of the website contains rule advisories, record keeping forms, information on rule changes, dates/times of future compliance training sessions and workshops. You can also access AQMD rules and information regarding other AQMD programs.

Contact Us

Call the AQMD’s Compliance Assistance Hotline (916) 874-4884