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## *Compliance Assistance*

# ADVISORY

***SUBJECT: NEW AMBIENT AIR QUALITY MONITORS IN SOUTH SACRAMENTO-FLORIN COMMUNITY***

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### **DEPLOYMENT OF NEW AMBIENT AIR QUALITY MONITORS IN THE SOUTH SACRAMENTO-FLORIN COMMUNITY**

This advisory provides Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District (District) permit holders located in and near the selected AB 617 community with information regarding new ambient air quality monitoring activities.

#### **Background**

In 2017, Assembly Bill 617 (C. Garcia, Chapter 136, Statutes of 2017) was adopted to develop a new community-focused program to more effectively understand highly localized air pollution at a community level, reduce exposure to air pollution, and preserve public health. In 2018, the California Air Resources Board selected the first 10 communities throughout the state where additional ambient air quality monitoring and/or community emission reduction plans would be required. In Sacramento County, the South Sacramento-Florin area, which was proposed by the District and includes disadvantaged communities and sensitive populations, was selected by the state as one of the first 10 communities because of the high cumulative air pollution exposure and burden experienced by those living and working in this area.

You are receiving this advisory because your business is located in the community, or is in the vicinity of the community boundary, and we want you to be aware of the District's monitoring activities to better understand air quality in the area.

#### **Deployment of Ambient Air Quality Monitors**

The District is currently deploying a series of new ambient air quality monitors throughout the selected community. The goal of this new air monitoring campaign is to provide highly resolved, real-time ambient air quality information to the public and to help understand localized air pollution impacts. Ambient air monitoring data will help inform potential future community emission reduction efforts based on rules and financial incentives to reduce localized emissions and air pollution exposures.

#### **Ambient Air Quality Monitoring, Permit Requirements and Compliance**

New ambient air monitoring data will help identify air pollutants and toxic air contaminants from transportation, businesses and other sources in the area. For businesses with an air quality permit, the District may perform inspections to ensure a business is operating in compliance

with air quality permit conditions. New ambient air monitoring data cannot be used to enforce existing permit conditions. Rather, the information is expected to inform the development of a community emission reduction strategy that will focus on improving health outcomes for the community.

### **More Information**

You can get more information and follow the development of the Community Air Protection Program and monitoring plan by attending South Sacramento-Florin Steering Community meetings. Meeting information, including meeting dates and locations, can be found online here: <http://www.airquality.org/air-quality-health/community-air-protection/steering-committee>

Additional information on the District's Community Air Protection Program can be found online here: <http://www.airquality.org/Air-Quality-Health/Community-Air-Protection>.

Sac Metro Air District compliance advisories are available online here:

<http://www.airquality.org/businesses/compliance-with-permits-rules/compliance-advisories>.

If you have questions regarding District permitting and enforcement, you may contact Amy Roberts at (916) 874-6354.