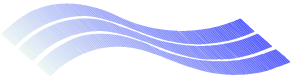


SACRAMENTO METROPOLITAN



AIR QUALITY
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Compliance Assistance ADVISORY

SUBJECT: Upcoming Deadlines for Boilers, Large Water Heaters, Process Heaters, and Steam Generators - Second Notice

Advisory #06-04

September 2006

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR OWNERS AND OPERATORS OF BOILERS, LARGE WATER HEATERS, PROCESS HEATERS, AND STEAM GENERATORS

The purpose of this advisory is to again alert owners and operators of boilers, large water heaters, process heaters, and steam generators with a rated heat input capacity of 1 million Btu per hour or greater of important deadlines under Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District (SMAQMD) Rule 411. A previous advisory (#06-01) was mailed to affected entities in February 2006.

Deadline #1 -- October 27, 2006:

Owners/Operators seeking a low usage exemption must submit a complete application by October 27, 2006. ***IF AN APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION IS NOT RECEIVED BY OCTOBER 27, 2006 THE EQUIPMENT WILL HAVE TO COMPLY WITH THE APPLICABLE EMISSION STANDARDS UNDER RULE 411 OR BE REMOVED FROM SERVICE.***

Deadline #2 -- October 27, 2007:

All facilities with one to three affected units must have at least one unit in compliance with Rule 411 by October 27, 2007 or removed from service. Facilities with four to six affected units must have two or more units in compliance with Rule 411 by October 27, 2007 or removed from service. Facilities with more than six affected units must have at least 25% of the units in compliance with Rule 411 by October 27, 2007 or removed from service.

Deadline #3 -- October 27, 2008:

All facilities with one or two affected units must have all units in compliance with Rule 411 by October 27, 2008 or removed from service. Facilities with three affected units must have at least two units in compliance with Rule 411 by October 27, 2008 or removed from service. Facilities with four affected units must have three or more units in compliance with Rule 411 by October 27, 2008 or removed from service. Facilities with five or six affected units must have four or more units in compliance with Rule 411 by October 27, 2008 or removed from service. Facilities with more than six affected units must have at least 75% of the units in compliance with Rule 411 by October 27, 2008 or removed from service.

Deadline #4 -- October 27, 2009:

All affected units must be in compliance with Rule 411. Anyone operating equipment not in compliance with Rule 411 is subject to a Notice of Violation and penalties as specified in California Health and Safety Code Section 42402. If you are subject to the requirements of Rule 411, you are advised to read the full text of the rule found at the SMAQMD web site, <http://www.airquality.org/rules/rule411.pdf>

Owners or operators of equipment regulated by Rule 411 should call the District and learn what options are available to them. For information regarding SMAQMD permits you may contact Brian Krebs at (916) 874-4856. You also may call the SMAQMD's *Compliance Assistance Hotline* at (916) 874-4884 for free, confidential assistance on any SMAQMD requirement.