

How the Rulemaking Process Works At the Air District

STEP 1:

Internal Scoping Meeting:
Air District staff meet to discuss an identified air pollution problem

STEP 2:

Technical Assessment:
Air District staff write a document that explores options for addressing the problem, including if a new rule or changes to an existing rule are needed

STEP 3:

Stakeholder Meetings:
Air District staff consult with businesses and other interested parties that may be affected by the new rule or changes to an existing rule

STEP 4:

Draft Rule:
After meeting with stakeholders, Air District staff develop a draft rule or proposed changes to an existing rule

STEP 5:

Workshops:
Air District staff hold one or more public meetings to give all affected and interested parties an opportunity to learn about, discuss, and comment on the proposed rule or changes to an existing rule

STEP 6:

Environmental Review:
As the draft is being developed, staff analyze the proposed rule or rule change to determine if it may have any negative environmental impacts

STEP 7:

Staff Report:
Air District staff write a report describing the technical background, potential socioeconomic impacts, benefits to air quality, and costs of the proposed rule or rule change.

STEP 8:

Public Hearing:
After hearing from staff and considering comments made by the public, the Air District's Board of Directors decides to adopt or reject the proposed rule or rule changes.

STEP 9:

Setting Policies and Procedures:
Once it is adopted, staff develop policies to interpret the new or revised rule and to describe ways to inspect facilities to make sure they are in compliance with the rule.

STEP 10:

Rule Submittal:
If required by state or federal plans, Air District staff forward rule adoption materials to the California Air Resources Board for submittal to the federal EPA (Environmental Protection Agency).