

Air District Rulemaking Process

1 Internal Scoping Meeting

Air District staff meets to discuss an identified air pollution problem.

2 Technical Assessment

Air District staff drafts a document that explores options for addressing the problem and determines if a new rule or changes to an existing rule are needed.

3 Stakeholder Meeting

Air District staff consults with business and other interested parties that may be affected by the new rule or changes to an existing rule.

4 Draft Rule

After meeting with stakeholders, Air District staff develops a draft rule or proposed changes to an existing rule.

5 Workshops

Air District staff holds one or more public meetings to give affected and interested parties an opportunity to learn about, discuss, and comment on the proposed rule or rule changes.

6 Environmental Review

As the draft is being developed, staff analyzes the proposed rule or rule change to determine if it may have any negative environmental impacts.

7 Staff Report

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

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.

9 Setting Policies and Procedures

Once rule 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.

10 Rule Submittal

If required by the state or federal plans, Air District staff forwards the rule adoption materials to the California Air Resources Board for submittal to the federal Environmental Protection Agency.

