

Wood-Burning Devices Proposed Revision Business Impact Statement

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History of Regulation

1. Wood-Burning Device regulations have been in place since the late 1980's.
2. Established to address issues associated with wintertime pollution from particulate matter as well as carbon monoxide in the Truckee Meadows.
 - Emissions from wood-burning devices account for up to half the wintertime pollution
3. As a result of the regulation, the Truckee Meadows was able to come back into compliance with the EPA Standards.
4. Effective May 15, 2020, the EPA strengthened the emission limits for wood-burning devices.

Stakeholder and Public Engagement

- Stakeholder Workshops
 - Three (3) stakeholder workshops were held in early November
 - Stakeholders included wood-burning device dealers and inspectors, box stores, city and county building officials, real estate agents, and title companies
- Public Workshop held on December 14, 2021
- Comments could be submitted in person during the public workshop and by mail or email up through December 17, 2021
 - All public comments were addressed, and the responses have been included in your board packet.

Purpose of the Revision

1. Add clarity, transparency and consistency to the implementation of the program
2. Revised language to remove ambiguity and clarify the intent of the regulations
3. Reorganized for easier references
4. Added compliance flexibility and clarified requirements for device exemptions in order to address inconsistencies.
5. Clarified existing and added additional definitions



Purpose of the Revision

Compliance Standard	Current Compliance Options if Unable to Meet May 15, 2020, Emission Standards	As Proposed Compliance Options if Unable to Meet May 15, 2020, Emission Standards
<p>Wood-Burning Devices must meet the emission standards effective May 15, 2020.</p>	<p>1. Uncertified wood-burning device may be replaced with an EPA-Certified device which meets the current standards at the time of installation, or</p>	<p>1. Uncertified wood-burning device may be replaced with an EPA-Certified device which meets the current standards at the time of installation, or</p>
	<p>2. Uncertified wood-burning device must be removed from the parcel</p>	<p>2. Uncertified wood-burning device must be removed from the parcel, or</p>
		<p>3. Uncertified wood-burning device may be rendered permanently inoperable in lieu of removal, or</p>
		<p>4. If it can be proven that the wood-burning device was certified with the current EPA certification standard at the time of installation, it may stay, or</p>
		<p>5. If it can be proven that the removal of the wood-burning device would cause “damage”, a one-time exemption of the removal requirement may be provided</p>

Next Steps

1. Public Hearing (Washoe County District Board of Health) - [January/February 2022](#)
2. Stakeholder Workshops to present revised forms and processes - [April 2022](#)
3. Revised regulation effective - [July 1, 2022](#) & posted on AQMD website OurCleanAir.com

Comments/Questions

