

**Public Workshop on 2005 Amendments to the 2003 PM10 Plan
April 26, 2005**

Approximately 15 people in attendance (5 Fresno, 6 Bakersfield, and 4 Modesto sign-ins)

VERBAL COMMENTS

1. **Comment:** 63% of steam engine boilers are required to comply with Rule 4306 by June 1, 2005. Shouldn't there be 2005 reductions?
Response: Comment noted. District staff is updating reduction estimates to reflect the more recent rule schedules, and in 2005, 1.5 tpd of reductions for NOx are expected for Rule 4306.
2. **Comment:** NOx converts 100% to PM10 in other District documents, so why is the District using the 1.5 to 1 ratio for the 2005 Amendments to the 2003 PM10 Plan?
Response: 100% of SOx converts to NH₄ SO₄, but NH₃ converts at less than that to NH₄NO₃. If other staff reports suggest a 1/1 ratio for NOx and PM10, then those are incorrect.

WRITTEN COMMENTS

3. **Comment:** School bus air harms kids. The PM2.5 subset of PM10 is even more harmful to health than PM10. Thus, I worry about replacing diesel with cleaner diesel, lest the cleaner diesel make so many fine particles that it too needs to be replaced before it has paid for itself. I hope new PM10 rules anticipate the need for further controls due to these smaller particles.
Response: District staff is currently working on developing a rule to address emissions from school bus fleets, Rule 9310 (School Bus Fleets). This rulemaking project is intended to implement emission control measures in the District's Particulate Matter and Extreme Ozone Attainment Demonstration Plans. The control measure objective is to reduce emissions from on-road fleet vehicles and consequently reduce the public's exposure to diesel air toxic contaminants and criteria pollutants through the use of cleaner vehicles in public and private fleets performing public services. School bus fleets are the first grouping subject to this rulemaking. Reducing emissions from school bus fleets will achieve both goals of reducing ambient air pollution emissions as well as reducing the diesel particulate exposure on school bus riders. During the school bus rulemaking project, funding challenges have been identified. Staff is encouraged with the recent legislative interest from Senator Poochigian and the continued efforts of Senator Florez to secure funding sources that will assist school districts in replacing their older buses with cleaner compliant buses.