

**Louisville Metro Air Pollution Control District**  
**STAR Program: Next Steps FAQs**  
**May 30, 2017**

***What is the next step on ASRC's Second Request for Modification?***

ASRC submitted a second Request for Modification on May 16, 2017. A copy of ASRC's second Request for Modification has been posted to the APCD's website at <https://louisvilleky.gov/government/air-pollution-control-district/services/proposed-actions-apcd>. The APCD has begun its review of ASRC's second Request for Modification. Once that review is complete, the APCD will open a second public comment period and schedule a public hearing on ASRC's second Request for Modification.

***What about the pending enforcement action?***

The APCD issued a Notice of Violation to ASRC in September 2015 for fugitive emissions of 1,3-butadiene that exceeded its previously approved limits. ASRC was required to re-evaluate its emissions and subsequently requested modification of the STAR environmental acceptability goals. ASRC has entered into an interim Agreed Board Order with the Air Pollution Control Board to take necessary measures to reduce its emissions of 1,3-butadiene. Following a public hearing, a final Agreed Board Order will be brought to the Board to fully resolve the Notice of Violation at a later date.

***How does APCD make decisions?***

The APCD employs a team of environmental and scientific professionals dedicated to improving Louisville's air quality who review, evaluate, and recommend permitting, compliance, and enforcement matters. Final decisions regarding permits and enforcement settlements are made by the District's Director based on recommendations by an Air Pollution Control Officer, a statutory position required by KRS Chapter 77 and filled by a licensed Professional Engineer.

***Has APCD made a final decision?***

No. A final decision will be made on ASRC's first Request for Modification after the APCD completes the Response to Comment document. The APCD will notify the public when it makes a final decision on ASRC's first Request for Modification. The APCD will also notify the public later this summer when it begins the public comment period, schedules the public comment period and public hearing on ASRC's second Request for Modification. Following the completion of the public comment period and public hearing, APCD plans to make the final decision on ASRC's second Request for Modification and resolution of the NOV by August 16, 2017. The APCD's decision will be distributed to the public through APCD's website and via gov.delivery, APCD's email notification system. APCD's final decisions may be appealed in accordance with APCD Regulation 1.19.

***Is the APCD changing, relaxing, or loosening the STAR air toxic regulations?***

No. There are no changes being made to the STAR program. This modification is being requested under an existing STAR regulation that allows a company to seek a modified environmental risk goal if certain technological and safety requirements can be met and verified by APCD scientists and engineers.

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***How can I stay up to date with APCD's decisions related to ASRC and other actions?***

You can stay informed about decisions made by the District, receive agenda's for the Air Pollution Control Board meetings, notices of opportunities for public participation, including public comment periods and public hearings, proposed Board Orders, and permit actions, including those related to the STAR program by subscribing to the APCD's email notification system at <https://louisvilleky.gov/government/air-pollution-control-district/subscribe-stay-informed-apcd>. Or, you can check APCD's website for meeting agendas, minutes, and presentations before the Air Pollution Control Board at <https://louisvilleky.gov/government/air-pollution-control-district/air-pollution-control-board-meetings-and-public-hearings> and review proposed actions, including proposed permits, Agreed Board Orders, opportunities for public participation, including public comment periods and public hearings, and rulemakings at <https://louisvilleky.gov/government/air-pollution-control-district/services/proposed-actions-apcd>.

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