

Adopted in 1995, the objective of the South Coast Air Quality Management District's (SCAQMD) Rule 2202 program is to reduce mobile source emissions generated from employee commute trips. The rule applies to all employers within the South Coast Air Quality Management District that employ over 250 personnel.

### **The AQMD offer employers a menu of options for meeting Rule 2202 compliance.**

ERS – The Emission Reduction Strategy (ERS) is often the most straightforward and most cost-effective solution for meeting Rule 2202 compliance. Greenwood Environmental offer the Emission Reduction Strategy (ERS) compliance to many employers in the South Coast region and we have a 100% compliance success record.

The ERS allows employers to purchase and retire Mobile Source Emission Reduction Credit(MSERCs). MSERCs required for this rule include oxides of nitrogen (NOx), volatile organic compounds (VOC) and carbon monoxide (CO). The MSERCs are generated through a variety of voluntary programs offered by the AQMD that encourage emissions reductions above and beyond federal, state and local requirements. Examples of MSERC creation projects include, old-vehicle scrapping, cleaning on-road and off-road vehicles, emissions reductions from stationary sources and a host of pilot credit generation programs offered by the AQMD. The AQMD certify the emissions we provide and retire them on the employer's behalf to meet their Rule 2202 compliance.

### **Call us today for a no-obligation quotation**

AQIP – The Air Quality Investment Program (AQIP) offered by the AQMD is a 'pay-out' option. The costs associated with the AQIP are currently \$60 annually per peak-window employee (employees arriving at the workplace between 6am-10am) or \$125 tri-annually per peak-window employee. These monies are used to fund projects that will achieve emissions reductions from mobile sources. The AQIP option is a far more expensive option for meeting compliance when compared with the ERS (option 1 above).

### **Call us today to compare options!**

ECRP – The Employee Commute Reduction Program (ECRP) was designed to reduce actual employee trips to the workplace. Employers must instigate a number of workplace incentives to meet compliance such as carpooling, vanpooling, telecommuting, compressed workweeks, reduced staffing as well as encouraging employees to walk, bicycle or take public transit to work. The ECRP requires prior AQMD approval and certification and is measured annually by surveying the individual employees of the firm. The ECRP is not an ideal solution for many firms as it can require a great deal of employee effort and administration throughout the year. However, employers who survey and maintain an average vehicle ridership (AVR) above 1.1 will gain credit toward Rule 2202 compliance.

The AQMD will also allow a combination of the above strategies in order to meet compliance

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requirements. For instance, an employer may wish to survey his employees and offset any shortfall through the purchase and retirement of mobile source emissions credits.