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### **New, Residential Ultra-Low NOx Gas Water Heater Requirements for San Diego Air Pollution Control District**

The San Diego Air Pollution Control District (SDAPCD) has adopted Rule 69.5.1 for Natural Gas-Fired Water Heaters. This rule is to limit oxides of nitrogen emissions from residential water heaters. The rule applies to all natural gas-fired water heaters with 75,000 Btu/hr heat input or less (excluding mobile home and instantaneous water heaters). The San Diego Air Pollution Control District includes all of San Diego County in California.

A. O. Smith Ultra-Low NOx models use a burner technology that reduces water heater NOx emissions to meet the most stringent regulation including Rule 69.5.1. Effective July 1, 2016, this regulation requires manufacturers of gas water heaters to sell only natural gas-fired water heaters (with 75,000 Btu/hr input or less) that are certified to meet the 10ng/j maximum emissions requirements into the San Diego Air Pollution Control District. Again this applies to all residential natural gas-fired water heaters (excluding mobile home and instantaneous water heaters) and no person shall distribute, sell or install non-compliant product within the District after that date.

**NOTE:** California Air Pollution Control Districts do not interpret their Low NOx Rules as prohibiting the delivery or sale of a non-compliant water heater to a distributor /wholesaler located within the District if the delivery or sale to the distributor/wholesaler is solely intended for sale, distribution, or use of the non-compliant water heater outside the jurisdiction of their District.

The San Diego Air Pollution Control District (SDAPCD) is giving suppliers the remainder of this year and the first half of 2016 to replace existing inventory with the compliant Ultra Low NOx products because starting July 1, 2016, the new rule will only allow compliant product to be offered for sale, distribution, or installation for use within San Diego County.

Please visit the A. O. Smith web site at [www.aosmithwaterheaters.com](http://www.aosmithwaterheaters.com) for complete specification information on available models or contact your local A. O. Smith Sales Representative or Regional Sales Manager with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Cliff Deidiker'.

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