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Office of the Secretary for Resources
Attn: General Counsel's Office
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Sacramento, CA 95814

October 2, 2015

To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed please find two copies of the Notice of Decision (NOD) for the Final Environmental Assessment (EA) prepared for Proposed 1420.2 — Emissions Standards for Lead from Lead Melting Facilities. The Final EA for PR 1420.2 was prepared pursuant to CEQA and the South Coast Air Quality Management District's (SCAQMD) certified regulatory program. The CEQA document was certified by SCAQMD's Governing Board at its October 2, 2015 Public Hearing. Please record and post the NOD according to the provisions of CEQA.

SCAQMD Rule 110 requires that written responses to significant environmental issues raised on a SCAQMD CEQA document be filed with the Secretary of Resources along with the NOD. One comment letter on the Draft EA was received during the public comment period. The comment letter and responses to comments are included in Appendix C of the Final EA. A copy of the Final EA including its appendices is enclosed with this letter.

It was determined that the proposed project qualifies for the "no effect" fee exemption in accordance with recently revised Department of Fish and Game Code §711.4, Title 14, California Code of Regulations (CCR) and, therefore, a copy of the signed Fish and Game "no effect" fee exemption form is attached to prove compliance and ensure immediate posting of the NOD.

Please confirm receipt of one copy of the NOD and return it to the undersigned. Two return envelopes have been provided for your convenience (one for the confirmed copy upon receipt, and one for the original NOD to be returned after the posting period). If you have any questions, please call me at (909) 396-3176 or Cynthia Carter at (909) 396-2431.

Sincerely,

Jillian Wong, Ph.D.
Program Supervisor, CEQA
Planning, Rule Development and Area Sources

Enclosures

NOTICE OF DECISION

To: Office of the Secretary for Resources
General Counsel's Office
1416 9th Street, Suite 1311
Sacramento, CA 95814

From: SCAQMD
Planning, Rule Development & Area Sources
21865 Copley Drive
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Subject: FILING OF NOTICE OF DECISION IN COMPLIANCE WITH §21080.5 OF THE PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE

Project Title: Final Environmental Assessment (EA) for Proposed Rule (PR) 1420.2 — Emissions Standards for Lead from Lead Melting Facilities

Lead Agency: South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD)

SCAQMD Number: 150716

Date Certified: October 2, 2015

SCH No.: 2015071050

Contact Person: Cynthia Carter

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Project Location: The SCAQMD has jurisdiction over all of Orange County, the urban portions of Los Angeles and San Bernardino counties southwest of the San Bernardino and San Gabriel mountains, and nearly all of Riverside County, with the exception of communities near the state border.

Project Description: PR 1420.2 applies to metal melting facilities in the SCAQMD that melt 100 tons or more of lead annually and would protect public health by reducing lead emissions produced by lead melting facilities. PR 1420.2 would accomplish this by limiting the ambient lead concentration, imposing housekeeping, limiting the point source emissions, conducting periodic source testing, and requiring ambient air lead monitoring and sampling. Owner/operators of facilities would be required to meet an ambient lead limit of 0.150 micrograms per cubic meter ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$) averaged over any 30 consecutive days upon date of adoption if the facility currently has approved ambient air monitoring and sampling sites. Facilities that do not currently conduct ambient air monitoring will be required to meet the ambient limit no later than 90 days after approval of an ambient air monitoring plan. The limit would be further reduced to 0.100 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ effective January 1, 2018. Improvements to building enclosures and additional control equipment may be necessary to comply with the proposed ambient standard for some facilities. PR 1420.2 also requires implementation of a Compliance Plan if a facility exceeds the ambient air lead concentration of 0.150 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ beginning January 1, 2017 and exceeds the 0.100 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ three times within a rolling 24-month period beginning April 1, 2018.

This is to advise that the SCAQMD has certified the Final EA and approved the above described project, and has made the following determinations:

1. The project will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment.
2. Mitigation measures were not made a condition of the approval of this project.
3. A mitigation monitoring program under PRC § 21081.6 was not adopted for this project.
4. A Statement of Findings was not adopted for this project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was not adopted for this project.

The Final EA, supporting documentation, and record of project approval may be examined at: SCAQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765.

Signature: Jillian Wong

Date Received for Filing

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