SUBJECT: NOTICE OF EXEMPTION FROM THE CALIFORNIA

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

PROJECT TITLE: PROPOSED AMENDED RULES 301 – PERMITTING AND

ASSOCIATED FEES, 303 – HEARING BOARD FEES, 304 –

EQUIPMENT, MATERIALS AND AMBIENT AIR

ANALYSES, 304.1 – ANALYSES FEES, 306 – PLAN FEES,

307.1 – ALTERNATIVE FEES FOR AIR TOXICS

EMISSIONS INVENTORY, 308 – ON-ROAD MOTOR

VEHICLE MITIGATION OPTIONS FEES, 309 – FEES FOR REGULATION XVI, 311 – AIR QUALITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM (AQIP) FEES, AND RULE 313 - AUTHORITY

TO ADJUST FEES AND DUE DATES

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) is the Lead Agency and will prepare a Notice of Exemption for the project identified above.

Pursuant to CEQA, the SCAQMD is the Lead Agency and has reviewed the proposed amendments to Regulation III pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §§15002 (k)(1) and 15061. Because the proposed project involves the modification and structuring of charges by public agencies for the purpose of meeting operating expenses and financial reserve requirements, it is statutorily exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15273 - Rates, Tolls, Fares and Charges. A Notice of Exemption has been prepared pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15062 -Notice of Exemption. The Notice of Exemption will be filed with the county clerks of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino counties immediately following the adoption of the proposed project.

Any questions regarding this Notice of Exemption should be sent to Michael Krause (c/o Planning, Rule Development & Area Sources) at the above address. Mr. Krause can also be reached at (909) 396-2706.

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Date:	May 2, 2008	Signature:	

Steve Smith, Ph.D. **Program Supervisor** Planning, Rule Development & Area Sources

Reference: California Code of Regulations, Title 14

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To:	County Clerks of	From:	South Coast Air Quality Management District
	Los Angeles, Orange,		21865 Copley Drive
	Riverside, San Bernardino		Diamond Bar, CA 91765

Project Title:

Proposed Amended Rules 301 – Permitting and Associated Fees, 303 – Hearing Board Fees, 304 – Equipment, Materials and Ambient Air Analyses, 304.1 – Analyses Fees, 306 – Plan Fees, 307.1 – Alternative Fees for Air Toxics Emissions Inventory, 308 – On-Road Motor Vehicle Mitigation Options Fees, 309 – Fees for Regulation XVI, 311 – Air Quality Investment Program (AQIP) Fees, and Rule 313 – Authority to Adjust Fees and Due Dates

Project Location:

South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) area of jurisdiction consisting of the four-county South Coast Air Basin (Orange County and the non-desert portions of Los Angeles, Riverside and San Bernardino counties), and the Riverside County portions of the Salton Sea Air Basin and the Mojave Desert Air Basin.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The proposed project will implement the third year of the ten percent increase for Permit Processing Fees, Annual Operating Permit Renewal Fees and Annual Operating Emissions Fees for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 as adopted by the SCAQMD Governing Board June 9, 2006. Also proposed is a 4.1 percent increase, equivalent to the change in the 2007 Consumer Price Index (CPI), for all other fee categories. Finally, the proposed amendments will provide clarifications, align fees with the State Portable Equipment Registration Program (PERP) and make minor rule corrections.

Public Agency Approving Project:	Agency Carrying Out Project:	
South Coast Air Quality Management District	South Coast Air Quality Management District	

Exempt Status:

General Concepts [CEQA Guidelines §15002 (k)(1)]; and Rates, Tolls, Fares and Charges [CEQA Guidelines §15273]

Reasons why project is exempt:

Having reviewed the proposed project pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15002(k) - Three Step Process, the SCAQMD has determined that the proposal is statutorily exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15273 - Rates, Tolls, Fares and Charges, because the proposed project involves the modification and structuring of charges by public agencies for the purpose of meeting operating expenses and financial reserve requirements.

Certification Date:

SCAQMD Governing Board Hearing: May 2, 2008, 9:00 a.m.; SCAQMD Headquarters

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Rule Contact Person:	Phone Number:	Fax Number:	Email:

Date Received for Filing Signature Signed upon certification
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