SUBJECT: NOTICE OF EXEMPTION FROM THE CALIFORNIA

**ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT** 

PROJECT TITLE: PROPOSED AMENDED RULE 218.1 – CONTINUOUS

**EMISSIONS MONITORING PERFORMANCE** 

**SPECIFICATIONS** 

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.

Currently, Rule 218.1 requires calibration error (CE) tests be performed on continuous emission monitoring systems (CEMS) on a daily basis, as close to 24-hour intervals as practicable. The proposed amendment would not require the performance of CE tests on any day when the underlying equipment is not operated. Because the proposed project would not increase emissions or create an adverse effect on air quality or any other environmental areas, it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the proposed project may have a significant adverse effect on the environment. Since it can be seen with certainty that the proposed project has no potential to adversely impact air quality or any other environmental area, it is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15061(b)(3) – Review for Exemption. Upon adoption, the Notice of Exemption will be filed with the county clerks of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino counties.

Any questions regarding this Notice of Exemption should be sent to Jeff Inabinet (c/o Planning, Rule Development & Area Sources) at the above address. Mr. Inabinet can also be reached at (909) 396-2453.

Date:	May 4, 2012	Signature:	Steve Smith
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Reference: California Code of Regulations, Title 14

### NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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

## **Project Title:**

Proposed Amended Rule 218.1 – Continuous Emission Monitoring Performance Specifications

# **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:

Currently, Rule 218.1 requires calibration error (CE) tests be performed on continuous emission monitoring systems (CEMS) on a daily basis, as close to 24-hour intervals as practicable. The proposed amendment would not require the performance of CE tests on any day when the underlying equipment is not operated.

#### **Agency Carrying Out Project: Public Agency Approving Project:**

South Coast Air Quality Management District South Coast Air Quality Management District

### **Exempt Status:**

General Concepts [CEOA Guidelines §15002 (k)(1)]; Statute Exemption [CEQA Guidelines §15061 (b)(1)]; and General Rule Exemption [CEQA Guidelines §15061 (b)(3)]

## Reasons why project is exempt:

The SCAQMD has reviewed the proposed amendments to Rule 218.1, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15002(k)(1) – Three Step Process, and CEQA Guidelines §15061 – Review for Exemption, and has determined that the proposed amendments are exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15061 (b)(3) - General Rule Exemption. Currently, CE tests are required to be performed on CEMS on a daily basis, as close to 24-hour intervals as practicable. The proposed amendment would not require the performance of CE tests on any day when the underlying equipment is not operated. Because the proposed project would not impose any requirements that would alter equipment activities on days when the equipment is not operating, except to eliminate the requirement to perform CE tests, PAR 461 is not expected to affect operational emissions or create adverse effects on air quality or any other environmental areas. Therefore, it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the proposed project may have a significant adverse effect on the environment. Since it can be seen with certainty that the proposed project has no potential to adversely impact air quality or any other environmental area, it is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15061(b)(3) – Review for Exemption. Upon adoption, the Notice of Exemption will be filed with the county clerks of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino counties.

### **Certification Date:**

SCAQMD Governing Board Hearing: May 4, 2012, 9:00 a.m.; SCAOMD Headquarters

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