



South Coast Air Quality Management District

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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF EXEMPTION FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

PROJECT TITLE: PROPOSED AMENDED RULE 1155 – PARTICULATE MATTER (PM) CONTROL DEVICES

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.

Rule 1155 was adopted in December 2009 and subsequently submitted to the California Air Resources Board (CARB) for approval and inclusion in the State Implementation Plan (SIP). CARB approved the SIP inclusion and submitted to U.S. EPA in July 2010 for approval. U.S. EPA has raised concerns about certain exemptions during equipment start-up. In order to address U.S. EPA's concern affecting approval of this rule into the SIP, an administrative amendment for Rule 1155 is proposed to clarify that certain provisions of Rule 401 – Visible Emissions, and the provisions of Rule 404 – Particulate Matter – Concentration, are applicable to equipment subject to Rule 1155.

Pursuant to CEQA, the SCAQMD is the Lead Agency and has reviewed the proposed project mentioned above pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §§15002 (k)(1) and 15061. The proposed amendments are not expected to adversely affect air quality or any other environmental categories because they are administrative in nature. As a result, no new adverse impacts on the environment are expected from the proposed project. 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 state CEQA Guidelines §15061(b)(3) – Review for Exemption. 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 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 2, 2014

Signature: 

Michael Krause
Program Supervisor – CEQA Section
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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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

Proposed Amended Rule 1155 – PM Control Devices

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:

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Public Agency Approving Project:

South Coast Air Quality Management District

Agency Carrying Out Project:

South Coast Air Quality Management District

Exempt Status:

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

Reasons why project is exempt:

The SCAQMD has reviewed the proposed amendments to Rule 1155, 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. The proposed amendments are not expected to adversely affect air quality or any other environmental categories because they are administrative in nature. As a result, no new adverse impacts on the environment are expected from the proposed project. 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 state CEQA Guidelines §15061(b)(3) – Review for Exemption.

Project Approval Date:

SCAQMD Governing Board Hearing: May 2, 2014, 9:00 a.m.; SCAQMD Headquarters

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Date Received for Filing _____

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