

ATTACHMENT I



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 219 – EQUIPMENT NOT REQUIRING A WRITTEN PERMIT PURSUANT TO REGULATION II, AND PROPOSED AMENDED RULE 222 - FILING REQUIREMENTS FOR SPECIFIC EMISSION SOURCES NOT REQUIRING A WRITTEN PERMIT PURSUANT TO REGULATION II


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

The proposed project is amending Rule 219 – Equipment not Requiring a Written Permit Pursuant to Regulation II, and Rule 222 – Filing Requirements for Specific Emission Sources Not Requiring a Written Permit Pursuant to Regulation II. SCAQMD staff has reviewed the proposed project pursuant to CEQA Guidelines § 15002(k) – General Concepts, the three-step process for deciding which document to prepare for a project subject to CEQA and CEQA Guidelines § 15061 – Review for Exemption, procedures for determining if a project is exempt from CEQA.

SCAQMD staff has determined that it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the proposed project may have a significant adverse effect on the environment. Therefore, the project is considered to be exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines § 15061(b)(3) – Activities Covered by General Rule. A Notice of Exemption has been prepared pursuant to CEQA Guidelines § 15062 - Notice of Exemption. If the proposed project is approved, 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 Sam Wang (c/o Planning, Rule Development and Area Sources) at the above address. Mr. Wang can also be reached at (909) 396-2649. Mr. Robert Gottschalk is also available at (909) 396-2456 to answer any questions regarding the proposed amended rules.

Date: April 19, 2017

Signature: 
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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: County Clerks Counties of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and 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 (PAR) 219 – Equipment not Requiring a Written Permit Pursuant to Regulation II, and Proposed Amended Rule (PAR) 222 – Filing Requirements for Specific Emission Sources Not Requiring a Written Permit Pursuant to Regulation II.

Project Location: The SCAQMD has jurisdiction over the four-county South Coast Air Basin (all of 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 (SSAB) and Mojave Desert Air Basin (MDAB). The SCAQMD’s jurisdiction includes the federal nonattainment area known as the Coachella Valley Planning Area, which is a sub-region of Riverside County and the SSAB.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: PAR 219 proposes to exempt the following equipment and/or processes from the requirement to obtain a SCAQMD permit because they emit very small levels of criteria pollutants and have minimal toxic emission profiles: engines at remote 2-way radio towers fueled with liquefied propane gas or compressed natural gas; sub-slab ventilation systems; passive carbon filter odor control of food waste slurry storage tanks; hand-held plasma-arc cutting and laser cutting equipment; separation/segregation of plastic materials for recycling without cutting, shredding, grinding, or odors; certain coffee roasting equipment; small batch breweries; and equipment used for dehydrated meat manufacturing. In addition, PAR 219 proposes to remove existing exemptions for the following equipment and/or processes because they have the potential to emit criteria pollutants at greater than de minimis levels, emit toxic air contaminants of concern, or create a nuisance: cutting of stainless steel and alloys containing toxics; portable asphalt recycling equipment; greenwaste shredding or grinding; separation/segregation of plastic materials that involves cutting, shredding, grinding or odors; recycling of expanded polystyrene; equipment used for cleaning of diesel particulate filters; certain surface preparation tanks with toxic emissions; certain plating, stripping or anodizing tanks with toxic emissions; and paper, carpet, and fabric recycling operations. PAR 219 also includes minor clarifications and editorial corrections for food oven combustion equipment, fuel cells, charbroilers, barbeque grills and other underfired grills, VOC-containing liquid storage and transfer equipment, quench tanks for heat treating operations, pavement striping, and certain printing, coating and drying operations. PAR 222 proposes to add the following equipment to the SCAQMD Rule 222 filing program in lieu of requiring a written SCAQMD permit because they have been identified as small sources of emissions: industrial cooling towers located in a chemical plant, refinery or other industrial facility; natural gas transfer pumps and natural gas repressurization equipment; and engines registered under the statewide Portable Equipment Registration Program (PERP) used in the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS). Storage tanks of aqueous urea solutions and certain natural gas and crude oil production equipment are proposed to be exempted in PAR 219 but to be included in PAR 222 filing program.

Public Agency Approving Project: South Coast Air Quality Management District	Agency Carrying Out Project: South Coast Air Quality Management District
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Exempt Status: CEQA Guidelines § 15002(k) - General Concepts (Three Step Process) and CEQA Guidelines § 15061(b)(3) – Activities Covered by General Rule

Reasons why project is exempt: SCAQMD staff has reviewed the proposed project pursuant to CEQA Guidelines § 15002(k) – General Concepts, the three-step process for deciding which document to prepare for a project subject to CEQA, per CEQA Guidelines § 15061 – Review for Exemption, procedures for determining if a project is exempt from CEQA. SCAQMD staff has determined that it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the proposed project may have a significant adverse effect on the environment. Thus, the project is considered to be exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines § 15061(b)(3) – Activities Covered by General Rule. A Notice of Exemption (NOE) has been prepared pursuant to CEQA Guidelines § 15062 - Notice of Exemption, and if the project is approved, the NOE will be filed with the county clerks of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino counties.

Date When Project Will Be Considered for Approval (subject to change):
SCAQMD Governing Board Hearing: May 5, 2017; SCAQMD Headquarters

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Date Received for Filing: _____	Signature: _____ <i>(Signed Upon Board Approval)</i> Barbara Radlein Program Supervisor, CEQA Section Planning, Rule Development & Area Sources
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