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Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration (Draft MND) for the Proposed Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) Terminal 1.5 Project

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) staff appreciates the opportunity to comment on the above-mentioned document. The following comments are meant as guidance for the Lead Agency and should be incorporated into the Final MND. The Lead Agency proposes to construct a structure between Terminals 1 and 2 at Los Angeles International Airport (LAX). The proposed project would include passenger and baggage screening, ticketing, baggage claim facilities, and office space.

Although, the Lead Agency determined that regional and localized construction emissions were less than significant, the Air Quality Analysis did not quantify emissions from the portable aggregate crushing phase. SCAQMD staff recommends incorporating emissions from the engine as well as the aggregate crushing and screening into the analysis. Should the Lead Agency determine after revising the air quality analysis that project construction air quality impacts exceed the SCAQMD recommended regional daily significance thresholds, the SCAQMD staff recommends mitigation measures be incorporated into the project description and air quality analysis in the Final CEQA document to reduce those impacts below significant levels.

The SCAQMD staff is available to work with the Lead Agency to address these concerns and any other air quality questions that may arise. Please contact Jack Cheng, Air Quality Specialist at (909) 396-2448, if you have any questions regarding these comments. We look forward to reviewing and providing comments for the Final MND associated with this project.

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