



South Coast Air Quality Management District

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May 4, 2012

Office of the Secretary for Resources
Attn: General Counsel's Office
1416 9th Street, Suite 1311
Sacramento, CA 95814

To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed please find two copies of the Notice of Decision (NOD) for the CEQA document prepared for 2012 Lead State Implementation Plan for Los Angeles County (2012 Lead SIP). Since impacts from the currently proposed project are expected to be essentially the same or less than those analyzed in the previous prepared October 2010 Final EA for Rule 1420.1 (SCAQMD No. 100331JK, SCH No. 2010041086), it was relied upon as the CEQA document for the 2012 Lead SIP pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15153. The Final Environmental Assessment (EA) for PAR 1470 was prepared pursuant to CEQA and the South Coast Air Quality Management District's (SCAQMD) certified regulatory program. The CEQA document was certified by SCAQMD's Governing Board at its May 4, 2012 Public Hearing. Please record and post the NOD according to the provisions of CEQA.

SCAQMD Rule 110 requires that written responses to public comments on a SCAQMD CEQA document be filed with the Secretary of Resources along with the Notice of Decision. No comment letters were received on the CEQA document for the 2012 Lead SIP.

It was determined that the proposed project qualifies for the "no effect" fee exemption in accordance with Department of Fish and Game Code §711.4, Title 14, California Code of Regulations (CCR) and, therefore, a copy of the signed Fish and Game "no effect" fee exemption form is attached to prove compliance and ensure immediate posting of the NOD.

Please confirm receipt of one copy of the NOD and return it to the undersigned. Two return envelopes have been provided for your convenience (one for the confirmed copy upon receipt, and one for the original NOD to be returned after the posting period). If you have any questions, please call me at (909) 396-3054 or James Koizumi at (909) 396-3234.

Sincerely,

Steve Smith, Ph.D.
CEQA Program Supervisor
Planning, Rule Development and Area Sources

Enclosures

NOTICE OF DECISION

To: Office of the Secretary for Resources
General Counsel's Office
1416 9th Street, Suite 1311
Sacramento, CA 95814

From: SCAQMD
Planning, Rules and Area Sources
21865 Copley Drive
Diamond Bar, CA 91765

Subject: FILING OF NOTICE OF DECISION IN COMPLIANCE WITH §21080.5 OF THE PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE

Project Title: Notice to Rely on a Previously Prepared Environmental Assessment for the 2012 Lead State Implementation Plan for Los Angeles County

Project Proponent: South Coast Air Quality Management District

SCAQMD Number: 100331JJK
SCH No.: 2010041086

Date Certified: May 4, 2012

Contact Person: James Koizumi

Telephone Number: (909) 396-3234

Project Location: South Coast Air Quality Management District area of jurisdiction: South Coast Air Basin (all of Orange County and the nondesert portions of Los Angeles, Riverside, and San Bernardino counties), and the Riverside County portions of the Salton Sea Air Basin and Mojave Desert Air Basin

Project Description:

The U.S. EPA revised the lead National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) on October 15, 2008 (73 FR 66964; November 12, 2008) by lowering the standard from 1.5 micrograms per cubic meter (ug/m³) to 0.15 ug/m³. On December 31, 2010, the U.S. EPA designated Southern Los Angeles County as nonattainment for the 2008 Lead NAAQS. The purpose of the 2012 Lead State Implementation Plan for Los Angeles County (2012 Lead SIP) is to outline the control strategies for lead emission sources, describe lead air quality and inventory in the Southern Los Angeles County, and describe planning and pollution control activities to demonstrate attainment of the Lead NAAQS, as expeditiously as practicable, but no later than December 31, 2015. The only proposed control measure in the 2012 Lead SIP that may have adverse environmental impacts would be the amendment to Rule 1420 – Emissions Standards for Lead. The amendment would lower the ambient lead concentration limit in Rule 1420 from 1.5 to 0.15 ug/m³, which is consistent with the lead NAAQS and Rule 1420.1. Since the most current monthly lead monitoring data in the Basin at facilities subject to Rule 1420, but not subject to Rule 1420.1, show that average lead concentrations are less than 0.15 ug/m³, the proposed control measure is not expected to result in any changes at existing affected facilities. However, if monitoring near or at a lead facility exceeds 0.15 ug/m³, the proposed control measure may require implementation of lead control requirements similar to those in Rule 1420.1, e.g., lead monitoring, housekeeping activities and/or enclosures, etc, resulting in environmental impacts that are essentially the same as or less than those identified in the October 2010 Final Environmental Assessment (EA) for Rule 1420.1 (SCAQMD No. 100331JK, SCH No. 2010041086).

This is to advise that the South Coast Air Quality Management District has approved the above described project and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project:

1. The project not have a significant impact on the environment.
2. Mitigation measures not were made a condition of the approval of this project.
3. A mitigation monitoring program under PRC § 21081.6 was not adopted for this project.
4. Findings were not adopted for this project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was not adopted for this project.

The Final EA for Rule 1420.1, supporting documentation, and record of project approval may be examined at: SCAQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765.

Date Received for Filing

Signature: _____

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