



South Coast Air Quality Management District

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September 4, 2015

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 Final Environmental Assessment (EA) prepared for Proposed Amended Rule 1148.1 – Oil and Gas Production Wells. The Final EA was prepared for the proposed project 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 September 4, 2015, Public Hearing. Please record and post the Notice of Decision 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. Two comment letters were received on the Draft EA for the proposed project. These comment letters and responses to the comments can be found in Appendix C of the enclosed Final EA for the proposed project.

Also enclosed is the signed CEQA Filing Fee No Effect Determination Form from the Department of Fish and Game pursuant to §711.4 of the California Fish and Game Code.

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 copies 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) 396-2716.

Sincerely,

Barbara Radlein
Program Supervisor, CEQA Section
Planning, Rule Development and Area Sources

Enclosures

NOTICE OF DECISION

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

From: SCAQMD
Office of Planning and Rules
21865 Copley Drive
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Subject: FILING OF NOTICE OF DECISION IN COMPLIANCE WITH §21080.5 OF THE PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE

Project Title: Final Environmental Assessment (EA) for Proposed Amended Rule 1148.1 – Oil and Gas Production Wells

Project Proponent's Name: South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD)

SCAQMD Number: 04282015BAR

Date Certified: September 4, 2015

SCH Number: 2015041090

Contact Person: Barbara Radlein

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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: SCAQMD staff is proposing to amend Rule 1148.1 – Oil and Gas Production Wells, to prevent public nuisance and possible detriment to public health caused by exposure to volatile organic compound (VOC), toxic air contaminant (TAC) and total organic compound (TOC) emissions from the operation and maintenance of oil and gas production facilities. Proposed amended Rule (PAR) 1148.1 would: 1) increase the minimum proximity distance to sensitive receptors (e.g., from 100 meters to 1,500 feet) that would trigger additional emission and odor preventative measures; 2) require the use of odor mitigation best practices for operation and maintenance of oil and gas production facilities; 3) require specific cause analysis and reporting for confirmed odor events and oil deposition events; 4) require Odor Mitigation Plans for facilities with continuing odor issues; and, 5) make administrative changes by removing obsolete rule language and making minor revisions to promote clarity, consistency, and enforceability throughout the rule. Analysis of the proposed project in the Draft EA did not result in the identification of any environmental topic areas that would be significantly adversely affected by the proposed project.


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 will not have a significant impact on the environment.
2. Mitigation measures were not 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. A Statement of Findings was not adopted for this project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was not adopted for this project.

The Final EA, 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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