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November 6, 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 (PAR) 1156 – Further Reductions of Particulate Emissions from Cement Manufacturing Facilities. The Final EA for PAR 1156 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 November 6, 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. No comment letters were received during the public comment period on the Draft EA for PAR 1156, therefore no responses to public comments are enclosed.

Also enclosed is the original 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) 396-3176 or Jeff Inabinet at (909) 396-2453.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jillian Wong".

Jillian Wong, Ph.D.
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Enclosures

NOTICE OF DECISION

To: Office of the Secretary for Resources
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From: SCAQMD
Planning, Rule Development 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: Final Environmental Assessment (EA) prepared for Proposed Amended Rule (PAR) 1156 – Further Reductions of Particulate Emissions from Cement Manufacturing Facilities

SCAQMD Number: 150623JI

Date Certified: November 6, 2015

SCH Number: 2015071054

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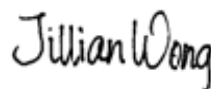
Project Location: The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) has jurisdiction over all of Orange County, the urban portions of Los Angeles and San Bernardino counties southwest of the San Bernardino and San Gabriel mountains, and nearly all of Riverside county, with the exception of communities near the state border.

Project Description: To address potential air quality impacts and exposure to hexavalent chromium (Cr^{+6}) after the closure of cement manufacturing facilities, and to ensure long-term air quality and protection, the SCAQMD is proposing revisions to Rule 1156. Rule 1156 was originally adopted in November 2005 and was later amended in March 2009 to address elevated ambient Cr^{+6} levels from cement manufacturing operations. As part of the rule adoption resolution, the Governing Board directed staff to work with stakeholders in developing a facility closure plan option, and to reevaluate the need for and frequency of Cr^{+6} monitoring after five years of monitoring. The proposed amendments are intended to minimize potential air quality impacts from construction or other activities that could generate dust after cement manufacturing facility closures, while streamlining Cr^{+6} ambient monitoring requirements. The proposed amendments include requirements for owners/operators of the affected property before and after facility closure. The proposed amendments would reduce permissible Cr^{+6} fence-line levels to reflect the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment's (OEHHA) new risk assessment guidelines; reduce Cr^{+6} monitoring requirements at existing facilities based either on compliance history, or potentially ceasing monitoring upon facility closure; and add provisions for a dust mitigation plan prior to any land disturbance activities occurring on a property after facility closure.

This is to advise that the SCAQMD 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.



Signature: _____

Date Received for Filing

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