

## NOTICE OF DECISION

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

**From:** South Coast Air Quality Management District  
Planning, Rule Development, and Area Sources  
21865 Copley Drive  
Diamond Bar, CA 91765

**Subject:** Filing of Notice of Decision in compliance with Public Resources Code Section 21080.5(d)(2)(E), CEQA Guidelines Sections 15252(b) and 15094(b), and South Coast AQMD Rule 110(f)

**Project Title:** Final Environmental Assessment (EA) for Proposed Amended Rule 1407 – Control of Emissions of Arsenic, Cadmium, and Nickel from Non-Chromium Metal Melting Operations

**Lead Agency:** South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD)

**SCH Number:** 2019069121

**Date Certified:** October 4, 2019

**South Coast AQMD Number:** 06282019LE

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**Project Location:** The proposed project will affect non-chromium metal melting operations, including, but not limited to, smelters, foundries, die-casters, casting processes, and other miscellaneous processes such as dip soldering, brazing and aluminum powder production which are located within the South Coast AQMD's jurisdiction. The South Coast AQMD has jurisdiction over an area of approximately 10,743 square miles, consisting of the four-county South Coast Air Basin (Basin) (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 Basin, which is a subarea of South Coast AQMD's jurisdiction, is bounded by the Pacific Ocean to the west and the San Gabriel, San Bernardino, and San Jacinto mountains to the north and east. It includes all of Orange County and the non-desert portions of Los Angeles, Riverside, and San Bernardino counties. The Riverside County portion of the SSAB is bounded by the San Jacinto Mountains in the west and spans eastward up to the Palo Verde Valley. A federal non-attainment area (known as the Coachella Valley Planning Area) is a subregion of Riverside County and the SSAB that is bounded by the San Jacinto Mountains to the west and the eastern boundary of the Coachella Valley to the east.

**Project Description:** Proposed Amended Rule 1407 establishes additional emission control requirements to reduce emissions of arsenic, cadmium, and nickel from non-chromium metal melting operations. Proposed Amended Rule 1407 contains revised emission standards, enhanced monitoring provisions for pollution control equipment, added building enclosure provisions to limit fugitive emissions, and updated housekeeping, source testing, and monitoring, recordkeeping, and reporting requirements.

This is to advise that the South Coast AQMD has certified the Final EA and approved the above described project, and has made the following determinations:

1. The requirements for a Negative Declaration have been triggered pursuant to South Coast AQMD’s Certified Regulatory Program (Public Resources Code Section 21080.5 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15251(1); codified in South Coast AQMD Rule 110) and CEQA Guidelines Section 15070, and that a Final EA, a substitute document allowed pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15252 and South Coast AQMD’s certified regulatory program, was prepared.
2. The Final EA concluded that the project will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment.
3. Because the Final EA concluded that the project will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment, mitigation measures were not made a condition of the approval of this project. Thus, a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan, pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21081.6 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15097, was not required or adopted for this project.
4. Because the Final EA concluded that the project will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment, findings pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15091 and a Statement of Overriding Considerations pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15093 were also not required or adopted for this project.

The Final EA, supporting documentation, and record of project approval may be examined at: South Coast AQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765.

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Date Received for Filing

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
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