



South Coast Air Quality Management District

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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF EXEMPTION FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

PROJECT TITLE: PROPOSED AMENDED REGULATIONS IX – STANDARDS OF PERFORMANCE FOR NEW STATIONARY SOURCES, AND X – NATIONAL EMISSION STANDARDS FOR HAZARDOUS AIR POLLUTANTS

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) is the Lead Agency and will prepare a Notice of Exemption for the project identified above.

The proposed project is amending Regulations IX – Standards of Performance for New Stationary Sources (NSPS), and X - National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAPs), to conform with federal requirements. Pursuant to CEQA, the SCAQMD is the Lead Agency and has reviewed the proposed project mentioned above pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §§15002 (k)(1) and 15061. Because the SCAQMD is required to incorporate federal NSPS and NESHAPs requirements into its applicable regulations and has exercised no discretion with regard to the proposed project, it is considered to be ministerially exempt and, thus, the proposed amendments are exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15268 – Ministerial Projects. Furthermore, the proposed amendments are categorically exempt because they are considered actions to protect or enhance the environment pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15308 – Class 8 Categorical Exemption. A Notice of Exemption has been prepared pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15062 - Notice of Exemption. The Notice of Exemption will be filed with the county clerks of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino counties immediately following the adoption of the proposed project.

Any questions regarding this Notice of Exemption should be sent to Michael Krause (c/o Planning, Rule Development & Area Sources) at the above address. Mr. Krause can also be reached at (909) 396-2706.

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