

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: County Clerk, Harnell Harper
County of Los Angeles
12400 E. Imperial Hwy, Room 2001
Norwalk, California 90650

From: South Coast Air Quality Management District
21865 Copley Drive
Diamond Bar, CA 91765

Project Title:

Proposed Amended Regulation III – Fees

Project Location:

South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) area of jurisdiction consisting of the four-county South Coast Air 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 and the Mojave Desert Air Basin.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

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- 1) Clarifying that equipment subject to Rule 1415 – Reduction of Refrigerant Emissions From Stationary Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Systems is exempt from the initial payment for plan evaluation fees;
- 2) A fifty percent surcharge, to recover the cost of emergency Procedure 4 and 5 Plan Evaluation which are responded to by staff on any unscheduled emergency basis;
- 3) Increasing the initial Rule 2202 Employee Commute Reduction Program new Employee Transportation Coordinator training program fee to better recover training program costs;
- 4) Assessing a fee for filing and review of Smoke Management Plans, Burn Management Plans, Emergency Burn Plans and Post Burn Evaluation Reports which are mandatory pursuant to the provisions of Rule 444 as amended on November 7, 2008;
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- 7) Classifying gas fired micro-turbines as Schedule A equipment; and
- 8) Increasing the additional-day fee for Appeal petitions to the same fee as that for Group Variance petitions;

Public Agency Approving Project:

South Coast Air Quality Management District

Agency Carrying Out Project:

South Coast Air Quality Management District

Exempt Status:

Rates, Tolls, Fares, and Charges [CEQA Guidelines §15273 a)-c)];

Reasons why project is exempt:

SCAQMD staff has reviewed the proposed amendments to Regulation III – Fees, and determined them to be statutorily exempt from CEQA requirements pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines §15273 – Rates, Tolls, Fares, and Charges. The proposed amendments to Regulation III – Fees, clarify rule provisions, have minor fee adjustments, and contain administrative amendments.

Certification Date:

SCAQMD Governing Board Hearing: June 5, 2009, 9:00 a.m.; SCAQMD Headquarters

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County of Orange
12 Civic Center Plaza, Room 106
Santa Ana, California 92701

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385 N. Arrowhead Ave.
San Bernardino, California 92415-0130

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2720 Gateway Drive
Riverside, California 92507

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