



South Coast Air Quality Management District

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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF EXEMPTION FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

PROJECT TITLE: PROPOSED AMENDED RULE 1186.1 – LESS-POLLUTING SWEEPERS

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.

Pursuant to CEQA, the SCAQMD is the Lead Agency and has reviewed the proposed amended Rule 1186.1 pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §§15002(k)(1) and 15061 – Review for Exemption. Amendments to Rule 1186.1 are administrative in nature that clarify and enhance compliance with the existing rule requirements and do not relax existing rule requirements. In addition, the proposed amendments will not worsen or cause any change to the current physical environment. Therefore, it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, thus, the proposed project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15061(b)(3). 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.

Date: January 9, 2009

Signature: Steve Smith

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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: County Clerks of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino	From: South Coast Air Quality Management District 21865 Copley Drive Diamond Bar, CA 91765
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Project Title:

Proposed Amended Rule 1186.1 – Less-Polluting Sweepers

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:

The proposed project would require government agencies to specifically enforce compliance with the terms of the contracts made with street-sweeping services, including the use of alternative-fueled street sweepers. The amendments allow the temporary use of non-alternative fueled street sweepers at the beginning of a street sweeping service contract, provided that conditions are met. Finally, additional language has been added to clarify the definition of “affected government agency.”

Public Agency Approving Project:

South Coast Air Quality Management District

Agency Carrying Out Project:

South Coast Air Quality Management District

Exempt Status:

General Concepts [CEQA Guidelines §15002 (k)(1)]; and
General Rule Exemption [CEQA Guidelines §15061(b)(3)]

Reasons why project is exempt:

The SCAQMD staff has reviewed the proposed project pursuant to state CEQA Guidelines §15002(k)(1), the first step of a three-step process for deciding which document to prepare for a project subject to CEQA. Amendments to Rule 1186.1 are administrative in nature that clarify and enhance compliance with the existing rule requirements and do not relax existing rule requirements. In addition, the proposed amendments will not worsen or cause any change to the current physical environment. Therefore, it can be seen with certainty that the proposed project has no potential to adversely impact air quality or any other environmental area and, as a result, it is exempt from CEQA pursuant to state CEQA Guidelines §15061(b)(3) – Review for Exemption.

Certification Date:

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

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