

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 Rule 433 – Natural Gas Quality

Project Location:

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Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The proposed rule will include monitoring, recordkeeping and reporting requirements. The data will assist in determining the effects of liquefied natural gas (LNG) additions to the natural gas distribution system on the quality of natural gas being supplied to end users located within the jurisdiction of the SCAQMD. Specifically, the rule requires affected operators to prepare and submit a gas quality monitoring plan, which includes monitoring locations, sampling methods and calculations, and an LNG rollout plan, which includes past and future actions. The rule also requires periodic reporting and affected operators are required to submit historical data.

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)];
Review for Exemption [CEQA Guidelines § 15061(b)];
Feasibility and Planning Studies [CEQA Guidelines § 15262]; and
Information Collection [CEQA Guidelines § 15306].

Reasons why project is exempt:

Comparable data that are currently being collected by affected operators at existing monitoring stations would be submitted to the SCAQMD. Because the rule requirements involve planning studies for possible future actions and for information gathering purposes, it is statutorily exempt from CEQA pursuant to state CEQA Guidelines § 15262 – Feasibility and Planning Studies, and categorically exempt pursuant to § 15306 – Information Collection.

Certification Date:

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

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12 Civic Center Plaza, Room 106
Santa Ana, California 92701

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2720 Gateway Drive
Riverside, California 92507

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Diamond Bar, CA 91765

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