



South Coast Air Quality Management District

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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF EXEMPTION FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

PROJECT TITLE: PROPOSED AMENDED REGULATION IX – STANDARDS OF PERFORMANCE FOR NEW STATIONARY SOURCES

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 would amend Regulation IX – Standards of Performance for New Stationary Sources (NSPS), to conform with new 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. SCAQMD proposes to incorporate by reference federal NSPS requirements into Regulation IX. The proposed amendments are not expected to adversely affect air quality or any other environmental categories because these federal requirements are already in place. As a result, no new adverse impacts on the environment are expected from the proposed project. Since it can be seen with certainty that the proposed project has no potential to adversely impact air quality or any other environmental area, it is exempt from CEQA pursuant to state CEQA Guidelines §15061(b)(3) – Review for 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 Jeff Inabinet (c/o Planning, Rule Development & Area Sources) at the above address. Mr. Inabinet can also be reached at (909) 396-2453.

Date: April 6, 2012

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 Regulation IX – Standards of Performance for New Stationary Sources (NSPS)

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 purpose of the proposed amendments is to incorporate new federal NSPS requirements into SCAQMD Regulation IX, which include the following: clarifying regulatory text for Portland cement plants; amending testing requirements for steam generating units electing to install PM CEMS and amending opacity monitoring requirements for those exempt from installing opacity CEMS; staying three effective dates for petroleum refineries; establishing standards for nine pollutants for sewage sludge incineration units treating domestic sewage sludge; revising existing requirements addressing air emissions from commercial and industrial solid waste incineration units; revising existing requirements or performance standards for hospital/medical/infectious waste incinerators; and revising standards for new stationary compression ignition and spark ignition internal combustion engines.

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

Reasons why project is exempt:

The SCAQMD has reviewed the proposed amendments to Regulations IX, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15002(k)(1) – Three Step Process, and CEQA Guidelines §15061 – Review for Exemption and has determined that the proposed amendments are exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15061 (b)(3) – General Rule Exemption. SCAQMD proposes to incorporate by reference federal NSPS requirements into Regulation IX. The proposed amendments are not expected to adversely affect air quality or any other environmental categories because these federal requirements are already in place. As a result, no new adverse impacts on the environment are expected from the proposed project. Since it can be seen with certainty that the proposed project has no potential to adversely impact air quality or any other environmental area, it is exempt from CEQA pursuant to state CEQA Guidelines §15061(b)(3) – Review for Exemption.

Certification Date:

SCAQMD Governing Board Hearing: April 6, 2012, 9:00 a.m.; SCAQMD Headquarters

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Date Received for Filing _____

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