



# 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 (PAR) 1420.1 - EMISSIONS STANDARD FOR LEAD AND OTHER TOXIC AIR CONTAMINANTS FROM LARGE LEAD-ACID BATTERY RECYCLING FACILITIES**

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.

PAR 1420.1 requires owners or operators of large lead-acid battery recycling facilities to provide funding and participate in a demonstration program of a multi-metals continuous emissions monitoring system (CEMS) to monitor lead, arsenic, and other metals. PAR 1420.1 would collect fees for the SCAQMD or its contractor to assemble, install, maintain, train, test, analyze and decommission a multi-metal CEMS for use in the SCAQMD area of jurisdiction; and would reimburse SCAQMD for any and all expenses incurred by the independent third-party investigator in the investigation, inspection and generation of a written report.

PAR 1420.1 is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15306 – Information Collection, because the CEMS would collect basic data which would not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. In addition, PAR 1420.1 is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15273 - Rates, Tolls, Fares and Charges because the collection of fees to assemble, install, maintain, train, test, analyze and decommission a multi-metal CEMS; and reimbursement for any expenses incurred by the independent third-party investigator is for the purpose of meeting operating expenses, and purchasing or leasing supplies, equipment or materials. Finally, because it was determined that the proposed project would not create any adverse effects on air quality or any other environmental areas, and it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the proposed project may have a significant adverse effect on the environment, PAR 1420.1 is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15061(b)(3) – Review for Exemption. Upon adoption, the Notice of Exemption will be filed with the county clerks of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino counties.

Any questions regarding this Notice of Exemption should be sent to James Koizumi (c/o Planning, Rule Development & Area Sources) at the above address. Mr. Koizumi can also be reached at (909) 396-3234.

**Date:** February 14, 2014

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

Michael Krause  
CEQA Program Supervisor  
Planning, Rule Development &  
Area Sources

**Reference: California Code of Regulations, Title 14**

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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

Proposed Amended Rule (PAR) 1420.1 - Emissions Standard for Lead and Other Toxic Air Contaminants from Large Lead-Acid Battery Recycling Facilities

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**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.

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**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:**

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**Public Agency Approving Project:**

South Coast Air Quality Management District

**Agency Carrying Out Project:**

South Coast Air Quality Management District

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**Exempt Status:**

General Concepts [CEQA Guidelines §15002 (k)(1)]; and  
CEQA Guidelines §15306 – Information Collection  
CEQA Guidelines §15273 - Rates, Tolls, Fares and Charges  
General Rule Exemption [CEQA Guidelines §15061 (b)(3)]

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**Reasons why project is exempt:**

SCAQMD staff has reviewed the proposed amendments to Rule 1420.1 in accordance with CEQA Guidelines §15002(k) - Three Step Process, and CEQA Guidelines §15061(a) – Review for Exemption, and has determined that the proposed amendments are exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15306 – Information Collection, because the CEMS would collect basic data which would not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. In addition, PAR 1420.1 is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15273 - Rates, Tolls, Fares and Charges because the collection of fees to assemble, install, maintain, train, test, analyze and decommission a multi- metal CEMS; and reimbursement for any expenses incurred by the independent third-party investigator is for the purpose of meeting operating expenses, and purchasing or leasing supplies, equipment or materials. Finally, because it was determined that the proposed project would not create any adverse effects on air quality or any other environmental areas, and it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the proposed project may have a significant adverse effect on the environment, PAR 1420.1 is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15061(b)(3) – Review for Exemption.

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**Approval Date:**

SCAQMD Governing Board Hearing: March 7, 2014, 9:00 a.m.; SCAQMD Headquarters

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Date Received for Filing \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ *Signed upon adoption*

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