

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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

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**Project Title:**

Affirm Amendment to Regulation XX to Allow Use of Certified Emission Levels for Certain Rule 219 Exempt Equipment and Amend Definition of "Standard Gas Conditions" to Conform to Existing Practice

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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:**

SCAQMD staff has proposed for Governing Board affirmation the December 4, 2015 adoption of a specific amendment to the Proposed Amended Regulation XX - Regional Clean Air Incentives Market (RECLAIM). Rule 2012 provisions allowing the use of certified emissions values for certain Rule 219 exempt equipment were presented and adopted as part of the December 4, 2015 Board package, even though the staff report had stated in error that this amendment would not be included. While this amendment was legally adopted, staff believed the public should be given a clear opportunity to comment on this amendment. Also, Rule 2011 and 2012 provisions clarifying the calculation of missing data consistent with current practice and other minor clarifications were also presented and adopted. Therefore, staff proposed that the Governing Board affirm these amendments. In addition, SCAQMD staff proposed to amend Rules 2011 and 2012 to clarify a definition for "Standard Gas Conditions." This amended definition was inadvertently not included in the December 4, 2015 Board package although it was included in the October, 2015 Set Hearing package. The Governing Board amended and affirmed Regulation XX, as proposed, at the February 5, 2016 Hearing.

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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:**

CEQA Guidelines §15002 (k)(1) - General Concepts (Three Step Process)  
CEQA Guidelines §15061 - Review for Exemption

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**Reasons why project is exempt:**

SCAQMD staff has determined that implementation of the proposed project (e.g., affirming the inclusion of use of certified levels of emissions for certain Rule 219 exempt equipment and modifying the definition of "Standard Gas Conditions") would result in administrative, procedural changes that would not be expected to cause any environmental impacts. Thus, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15002 (k) – General Concepts, the three-step process for deciding which document to prepare for a project subject to CEQA and CEQA Guidelines §15061 – Review for Exemption, procedures for determining if a project is exempt from CEQA, the SCAQMD has reviewed the proposed project has determined that it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the proposed project may have any significant effects on the environment, and is therefore, also exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15061 - Review for Exemption, paragraph (b)(3) – “general rule” exemption.

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**Project Approval Date:**

SCAQMD Governing Board Hearing: February 5, 2016, 9:00 a.m.; SCAQMD Headquarters

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