



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 306 – PLAN FEES

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 amendments to Rule 306 would make changes to extend the payment due date for remittance of initial plan fees and plan annual renewal fees from 30 to 60 days to be consistent with other Regulation III – Fees. In addition, proposed amended rule 306 would update the list of plans in Subdivision (h) of Rule 306 that are subject to annual review/annual renewal fees. Specifically, the table in Subdivision (h) is being updated to: 1) change the listing for Rule 1169 to Rule 1469 because Rule 1469 subsumed Rule 1169 as part of a prior concurrent rule adoption and rule rescission; 2) replace the generic table listing description of “Rule 1470 – Compliance Plan” with the full rule title of “Rule 1470 – Requirements for Stationary Diesel-Fueled Internal Combustion and Other Compression Ignition Engines”; and 3) update the table to include plans required pursuant to Rule 410 – Odors from Transfer Stations and Material Recovery Facilities and Rule 1420.1 – Emission Standards for Lead and Other Toxic Air Contaminants from Large Lead-Acid Battery Recycling Facilities. These rules already require the submittal of plans and the payment of fees pursuant to Rule 306, but the table in Rule 306 was not previously amended to reflect these plans. The amendments to Rule 306 are administrative and will not result in any significant effects on the environment.

SCAQMD staff has reviewed PAR 306 – Plan Fees, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §§15002 (k)(1) and 15061, and determined them to be exempt from CEQA requirements pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines §15061 (b)(3) – General Rule Exemption, and §15273 (a) – Rates, Tolls, Fares, and Charges. 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 12, 2016

Signature: _____

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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

Project Title:

Proposed Amended Rule (PAR) 306 – Plan Fees

Project Location:

PAR 306 will affect facilities within the SCAQMD's boundary. The SCAQMD has jurisdiction over all of Orange County, the urban portions of Los Angeles and San Bernardino counties southwest of the San Bernardino and San Gabriel mountains, and nearly all of Riverside county, with the exception of communities near the state border.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

PAR 306 would make administrative changes to extend the payment due date for remittance of initial plan fees and plan annual renewal fees from 30 to 60 days to be consistent with other Regulation III – Fees. In addition, PAR 306 would update the list of plans in Subdivision (h) of Rule 306 that are subject to annual review/annual renewal fees.

Public Agency Approving Project:

South Coast Air Quality Management District

Agency Carrying Out Project:

South Coast Air Quality Management District

Exempt Status:

General Rule Exemption [CEQA Guidelines §15061 (b)(3)]; and
Rates, Tolls, Fares, and Charges [CEQA Guidelines §15273 (a)]

Reasons why project is exempt:

SCAQMD staff has reviewed PAR 306, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15002(k)(1) – Three Step Process, and CEQA Guidelines §15061 – Review for Exemption, and has determined that PAR 306 is exempt from CEQA for the following reasons. The proposed amendments to Rule 306 are strictly administrative in nature, consisting of an extension of the payment due date for remittance of initial plan fees/plan annual renewal fees from 30 to 60 days and an update to the list of plans that are subject to annual review/annual renewal fees. Specifically, the table in Subdivision (h) is being updated to: 1) change the listing for Rule 1169 to Rule 1469 because Rule 1469 subsumed Rule 1169 as part of a prior concurrent rule adoption and rule rescission; 2) replace the generic table listing description of “Rule 1470 – Compliance Plan” with the full rule title of “Rule 1470 – Requirements for Stationary Diesel-Fueled Internal Combustion and Other Compression Ignition Engines”; and 3) update the table to include plans required pursuant to Rule 410 – Odors from Transfer Stations and Material Recovery Facilities and Rule 1420.1 – Emission Standards for Lead and Other Toxic Air Contaminants from Large Lead-Acid Battery Recycling Facilities. These rules already require the submittal of plans and the payment of fees pursuant to Rule 306, but the table in Rule 306 was not previously amended to reflect these plans. Because these amendments are strictly administrative in nature, it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the proposed project may have a significant adverse effect on the environment. Additionally, PAR 306 is statutorily exempt from CEQA requirements pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines §15273 – Rates, Tolls, Fares, and Charges.

Project Approval Date:

SCAQMD Governing Board Hearing: May 6, 2016, 9:00 a.m.; SCAQMD Headquarters

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