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**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 102 – DEFINITION OF TERMS

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, the South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD), as Lead Agency, has prepared a Notice of Exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15062 – Notice of Exemption for the project identified above.

South Coast AQMD staff is proposing to amend Rule 102 to add the definition “South Coast AQMD,” which is another abbreviation for the South Coast Air Quality Management District to more distinctly describe the agency and jurisdiction under its authority.

The proposed project has been reviewed pursuant to: 1) CEQA Guidelines Section 15002(k) – General Concepts, the three-step process for deciding which document to prepare for a project subject to CEQA; and 2) CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 – Review for Exemption, procedures for determining if a project is exempt from CEQA. Since Proposed Amended Rule 102 is administrative in nature and would not cause any physical changes that would affect any environmental topic area, it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the proposed project may have a significant adverse effect on the environment. Therefore, the project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) – Common Sense Exemption. If the project is approved, this 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 directed to Ryan Bañuelos (c/o Planning, Rule Development and Area Sources) at the above address. Mr. Bañuelos can also be reached at (909) 396-3479. Mr. Jong Hoon Lee is also available at (909) 396-3903 to answer any questions regarding Proposed Amended Rule 102.

Date: November 8, 2019

Signature: _____

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Barbara Radlein", written over a horizontal line.

Barbara Radlein
Program Supervisor, CEQA
Planning, Rule Development, and Area Sources

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION FROM THE
CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)**

To: County Clerks
Counties of Los Angeles, Orange,
Riverside and San Bernardino

From: South Coast Air Quality Management District
21865 Copley Drive
Diamond Bar, CA 91765

Project Title: Proposed Amended Rule 102 – Definition of Terms

Project Location: The project is located within the South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) jurisdiction which includes the four-county South Coast Air Basin (all of 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 (SSAB) and Mojave Desert Air Basin (MDAB).

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: South Coast AQMD staff is proposing to amend Rule 102 to add the definition “South Coast AQMD,” which is another abbreviation for the South Coast Air Quality Management District to more distinctly describe the agency and jurisdiction under its authority.

Public Agency Approving Project: South Coast Air Quality Management District

Agency Carrying Out Project: South Coast Air Quality Management District

Exempt Status:
CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) – Common Sense Exemption

Reasons why project is exempt: Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), South Coast AQMD staff, as Lead Agency, has reviewed Proposed Amended Rule 102 pursuant to: 1) CEQA Guidelines Section 15002(k) – General Concepts, the three-step process for deciding which document to prepare for a project subject to CEQA; and 2) CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 – Review for Exemption, procedures for determining if a project is exempt from CEQA. Since Proposed Amended Rule 102 is administrative in nature and would not cause any physical changes that would affect any environmental topic area, it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the proposed project may have a significant adverse effect on the environment. Therefore, the project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) – Common Sense Exemption.

Date When Project Will Be Considered for Approval (subject to change):
South Coast AQMD Governing Board Hearing: January 10, 2020; South Coast AQMD Headquarters

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Date Received for Filing: _____ **Signature:** _____ *(Signed Upon Board Approval)*
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