



# South Coast Air Quality Management District

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June 5, 2020

Governor's Office of Planning and Research  
State Clearinghouse  
Attn: Scott Morgan  
1400 Tenth Street, Suite 222  
Sacramento, CA 95814-5502

Re: Electronic Filing and Posting of Notice of Exemption for Proposed Amended Rule 1117 –  
Emissions from Container Glass Melting and Sodium Silicate Furnaces

Dear Mr. Morgan:

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) Governing Board at its June 5, 2020 Hearing determined that Proposed Amended Rule 1117 – Emissions from Container Glass Melting and Sodium Silicate Furnaces was exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and approved the project. The attached Notice of Exemption was prepared for the project pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15062 – Notice of Exemption. In lieu of filing the Notice of Exemption with the county clerk of each county in which the project will be located (e.g., Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino counties) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15062(c)(2), I am electronically filing the Notice of Exemption with your office for posting on the CEQAnet Web Portal at <https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/search/recent> in accordance with Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-54-20 issued on April 22, 2020 for the State of Emergency in California as a result of the threat of COVID-19.

In addition, this Notice of Exemption has been electronically posted on the South Coast AQMD's webpage which can be accessed via the following weblink: <http://www.aqmd.gov/nav/about/public-notices/ceqa-notices/notices-of-exemption/noe---year-2020>. Finally, this Notice of Exemption has been distributed electronically via email to interested parties.

If you have any questions regarding this electronic filing and request for posting, please call me at (909) 396-2716. Thank you for your kind attention regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Barbara Radlein".

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

Attachment

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

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**To:** Governor's Office of Planning and Research -  
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**From:** South Coast Air Quality Management District  
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**Project Title:**

Proposed Amended Rule 1117 – Emissions from Container Glass Melting and Sodium Silicate Furnaces

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**Project Location:**

The project location is the portion 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).

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

South Coast AQMD staff is proposing to amend Rule 1117 to: 1) establish emission standards for oxides of nitrogen (NOx) and oxides of sulfur (SOx) from facilities that produce container glass and sodium silicate and are transitioning from Regulation XX – Regional Clean Air Incentives Market (RECLAIM) to a command-and-control regulatory structure; 2) update monitoring, reporting, and recordkeeping requirements; 3) establish provisions for the idling, startup, and shutdown of container glass melting and sodium silicate furnaces; and 4) include NOx emission limits for auxiliary combustion equipment associated with container glass melting operations. Other minor proposed amendments include adding new and modifying definitions of terms and removing obsolete requirements for clarity and consistency throughout the rule.

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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 Section 15061(b)(3) – Common Sense Exemption

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**Reasons why project is exempt:** Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), South Coast AQMD, as Lead Agency, has reviewed Proposed Amended Rule 1117 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 air pollution control equipment was previously installed for the furnaces at the affected facilities prior to the development of Proposed Amended Rule 1117, and the actual emissions have been demonstrated to be less than proposed emission standards, no physical changes that would adversely affect any environmental topic area would be expected to occur as a result of project implementation. For these reasons, 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.

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**Date of Project Approval:**

South Coast AQMD Governing Board Hearing: June 5, 2020; South Coast AQMD Headquarters

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**Date Received for Filing:** \_\_\_\_\_

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