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

To:	**From:**
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Project Title: Proposed Rule 1150.3 – Emissions of Oxides of Nitrogen from Combustion Equipment at Landfills

Project Location: The proposed project is located within the South Coast Air Quality Management District's (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 portion of the Salton Sea Air Basin and the non-Palo Verde, Riverside County portion of the Mojave Desert Air Basin.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: Proposed Rule 1150.3 establishes: 1) nitrogen oxide (NOx) and carbon monoxide (CO) emission limits for boilers, process heaters, and turbines located at Municipal Solid Waste landfills and landfill gas to energy facilities; and 2) emissions monitoring, reporting and recordkeeping requirements. Implementation of Proposed Rule 1150.3 is estimated to result in 0.15 ton per day of NOx emission reductions which may be achieved from: 1) five turbines operated at two facilities via existing control equipment which are capable of achieving the proposed NOx emission limit without requiring any construction activities; and 2) three boilers operated at two facilities by changing the emissions control method (e.g., installing ultra-low NOx burners) which require minimal construction activities.

Public Agency Approving Project:	**Agency Carrying Out Project:**
South Coast Air Quality Management District	South Coast Air Quality Management District

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

Reasons why project is exempt: South Coast AQMD, as Lead Agency, has reviewed the proposed project 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 the projected NOx emission reductions from implementing the proposed project may be achieved without involving construction or via minimal construction activities, depending on the affected facility, 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 proposed project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) – Common Sense Exemption.

Date of Project Approval:
South Coast AQMD Governing Board Hearing: February 5, 2021

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