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**Negative Declaration (ND) – Project No. R2005-03010 (1)
Hydrogen Plant at 8631 Rush Street, Rosemead**

Dear Ms. Ng:

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the above-mentioned document. The following comments are meant as guidance for the Lead Agency and should be incorporated in the Final Negative Declaration.

Please provide the SCAQMD with written responses to all comments contained herein prior to the certification of the Final Negative Declaration. The SCAQMD would be happy to work with the Lead Agency to address these issues and any other questions that may arise. Please contact Charles Blankson, Ph.D., Air Quality Specialist – CEQA Section, at (909) 396-3304 if you have any questions regarding these comments.

Sincerely

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Attachment

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Project Air Quality Emissions: The lead agency responds “No” to the Environmental Checklist questions on page 10 of the Initial Study regarding whether the project would increase local emissions, violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation. The lead agency, however, provides no data or quantitative analysis to support any of the responses.

Please note that without quantifying air quality impacts from the proposed project, the lead agency has not demonstrated that the proposed project’s air quality impacts are not significant. To calculate potential adverse air quality impacts from the proposed project, the SCAQMD recommends that the lead agency use either the emission calculation methodologies from the Handbook or use the current version of the California Air Resources Board (CARB)-approved model URBEMIS 2002, which is available on the SCAQMD website at: www.aqmd.gov/ceqa/models.html. If quantification of emissions reveals that project emissions exceed the established significance thresholds, then mitigation measures must be required by the lead agency to reduce those emissions to less than significance.