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## **Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for Proposed SC Fuels**

South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) staff appreciates the opportunity to comment on the above-mentioned document. The following comments include information on South Coast AQMD's permits that the City of Rialto (Lead Agency) should consider in the Final MND.

In the MND, the Lead Agency proposes to construct a 54,484-square-foot industrial building with fuel storage on 4.77 acres (Proposed Project). The Lead Agency should consult with South Coast AQMD's Engineering and Permitting staff to determine if any permits from South Coast AQMD will be required for the fuel storage (e.g., a South Coast AQMD permit may be required a fuel storage tank that has a liquid fuel storage capacity greater than 40,000 gallons<sup>1</sup>). If permits from South Coast AQMD are required, the Lead Agency should identify South Coast AQMD as a Responsible Agency in the Final MND (CEQA Guidelines Section 15381). The assumptions in the air quality analysis in the Final MND will be the basis for evaluating the permit under CEQA and imposing permit conditions and limits. Questions on permits should be directed to South Coast AQMD's Engineering and Permitting staff at (909) 396-3385. For more general information on permits, please visit South Coast AQMD's webpage<sup>2</sup>.

Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15074, prior to approving the Proposed Project, the Lead Agency shall consider the MND for adoption together with any comments received during the public review process. Please provide South Coast AQMD with written responses to all comments contained herein prior to the adoption of the Final MND. When responding to issues raised in the comments, responses should provide sufficient details giving reasons why specific comments and suggestions are not accepted. There should be good faith, reasoned analysis in response. Conclusory statements unsupported by factual information do not facilitate the purpose and goal of CEQA on public disclosure and are not meaningful, informative, or useful to decision makers and the public who are interested in the Proposed Project. South Coast AQMD staff is available to work with the Lead Agency to address any air quality questions that may arise from this comment letter. Please contact me at [lsun@aqmd.gov](mailto:lsun@aqmd.gov) if you have questions or wish to discuss the comments.

Sincerely,

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<sup>1</sup> South Coast AQMD Rule 219: Equipment not Requiring A Written Permit Pursuant to Regulation II. Accessed at: <http://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/rule-book/reg-ii/rule-219.pdf>.

<sup>2</sup> South Coast AQMD. Permits. Accessed: <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/permits>.