



South Coast Air Quality Management District

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SUBJECT: EXTENDED COMMENT PERIOD FOR DRAFT SUBSEQUENT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

PROJECT TITLE: PROPOSED AMENDED REGULATION XX – REGIONAL CLEAN AIR INCENTIVES MARKET (RECLAIM): PROPOSED AMENDED RULE 2001 – APPLICABILITY, AND PROPOSED AMENDED RULE 2002 – ALLOCATIONS FOR OXIDES OF NITROGEN (NOX) AND OXIDES OF SULFUR (SOX)

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) is the Lead Agency and has prepared a Draft Subsequent Environmental Assessment (SEA) to analyze environmental impacts from the project identified above pursuant to its certified regulatory program (SCAQMD Rule 110). The Draft SEA includes a project description and analysis of potential adverse environmental impacts that could be generated from the proposed project. The purpose of this notice is to extend the public comment period for soliciting comments on the Draft SEA. The original comment period was from Friday, August 3, 2018 to Tuesday, September 4, 2018. **This comment period is extended to 5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 7, 2018.** No other revisions have been made to the the Draft SEA.

This letter and the attached NOC are not SCAQMD applications or forms requiring a response from you. Their purpose is simply to provide information to you on how to access the Draft SEA in order to review the above project. If the proposed project has no bearing on you or your organization, no action on your part is necessary. The Draft SEA and other relevant documents may be obtained by calling the SCAQMD Public Information Center at (909) 396-2039 or accessing the SCAQMD's CEQA website at: <http://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/ceqa/documents/aqmd-projects/2018/final-merged---par-2001-2002-draft-sea-with-appendices.pdf>

Comments focusing on your area of expertise, your agency's area of jurisdiction, if applicable, or issues relative to the environmental analysis for the proposed project will be accepted during a 35-day public review and comment period beginning Friday, August 3, 2018 and ending at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 7, 2018. **Please send any comments relative to the CEQA analysis in the Draft SEA to Mr. Darren Ha (c/o CEQA) at the address shown above.** Comments can also be sent via facsimile to (909) 396-3982 or email to dha@aqmd.gov. Please include the name and phone number of the contact person. Questions regarding the proposed amended rule language should be directed to Ms. Melissa Gamoning at (909) 396-3115 or by email to mgamoning@aqmd.gov.

The Public Hearing for the proposed amended rules is scheduled for October 5, 2018. (Note: Public meeting dates are subject to change).

Date: August 30, 2018

Signature:

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**EXTENDED COMMENT PERIOD FOR
DRAFT SUBSEQUENT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (SEA)**

Project Title: Proposed Amended Regulation XX - Regional Clean Air Incentives Market (RECLAIM): Proposed Amended Rule 2001 – Applicability, and Proposed Amended Rule 2002 – Allocations for Oxides of Nitrogen (NO_x) and Oxides of Sulfur (SO_x)

Project Location: The proposed project may affect sites located throughout the South Coast Air Quality Management District's (SCAQMD) jurisdiction, which covers all of Orange County, the urban portions of Los Angeles and San Bernardino counties southwest of the San Bernardino and San Gabriel mountains, and nearly all of Riverside County, with the exception of communities near the state border.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: SCAQMD staff is proposing to amend Regulation XX, which includes Proposed Amended Rules (PARs) 2001 and 2002, as part of the on-going transition from facilities in the NO_x RECLAIM program to a command-and-control regulatory structure. PAR 2001 is proposing to allow any facility to exit RECLAIM so long as it meets certain specific criteria, which would be applicable to all exiting RECLAIM facilities. PAR 2002 is proposing to allow facilities to remain in RECLAIM after the issuance of an initial determination notification for potential exit; however, any remaining RECLAIM facilities will be required to comply with future Best Available Retrofit Control Technology (BARCT) limits or other requirements as they are adopted and made applicable to exiting RECLAIM facilities. Otherwise, PARs 2001 and 2002 are administrative in nature and do not impose a new or more stringent emission limit or standard. Because BARCT is statutorily defined to be based on "environmental, energy, and economic impacts," it would be speculative to assume what new BARCT will be, since most new BARCT assessments have not yet been conducted. So, the analysis in this Draft SEA is limited to impacts for new BARCT where the assessments have been completed. Any potential environmental impacts associated with complying with future rules where the BARCT assessments have not been completed are not reasonably foreseeable at this time. As such, the Draft SEA concluded that these impacts are too speculative for evaluation per CEQA Guidelines Section 15145. Some facilities affected by PARs 2001 and 2002 may be identified on lists compiled by the California Department of Toxic Substances Control per Government Code §65962.5.

Lead Agency:
South Coast Air Quality Management District

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Planning, Rule Development and Area Sources

Draft SEA and all supporting documentation are available at:
SCAQMD Headquarters
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or by calling:
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or by emailing:
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Draft SEA can also be obtained by accessing SCAQMD's website at:
<http://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/ceqa/documents/aqmd-source/ceqa/documents/aqmd-projects/2018/final-merged---par-2001-2002-draft-sea-with-appendices.pdf>

The Notice of the Extended Review Period for the Draft SEA is provided to the public through the following:

☒ Los Angeles Times (September 4, 2018)
☒ SCAQMD Public Information Center

☒ SCAQMD Mailing List & Interested Parties
☒ SCAQMD Website

Draft SEA Extended Review Period (35 days): August 3, 2018 **extended to September 7, 2018** (previously scheduled to end September 4, 2018)

Scheduled Public Meeting Date(s) (subject to change):

- Working Group Meeting #3: September 13, 2018, 1:30 p.m., SCAQMD Headquarters – Room GB
 - Stationary Source Committee: September 21, 2018, 10:30 a.m., SCAQMD Headquarters – Room CC8
 - SCAQMD Governing Board Hearing: October 5, 2018, 9:00 a.m.; The LA Hotel Downtown in the Pacific Ballroom located at 333 S. Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, California.
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The future impacts are considered speculative so the proposed project will have no statewide, regional or areawide significance; therefore, no CEQA scoping meeting is required for the proposed project pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21083.9(a)(2).

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