

March 9, 2001

County Clerk, Gina Morla
County of Los Angeles
12400 E. Imperial Hwy, Room 2001
Norwalk, CA 90650

Ms. Morla:

Re: Notice of Determination for the SCAQMD's consideration of the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Proposed AES Alamos, L.L.C. - Selective Catalytic Reduction (SCR) Installation Project at Alamos Generating Station (Units 1, 2, 3, 4)

Enclosed are two copies of a Notice of Determination (NOD) for the above project, which is located in your county. The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) document (Final Environmental Impact Report) for the proposed project was certified by the SCAQMD as the Lead Agency on March 9, 2001. Please record and post the attached NODs according to the provisions of CEQA.

Enclosed is a check for \$25.00 for this project to cover the NOD posting fee. The SCAQMD has determined that the project for which the Final EIR was prepared, will have a de minimus impact on wildlife and the habitat upon which it depends. Therefore, the project is exempt from the Department of Fish and Game filing fee pursuant to §753.5(a)(3), Title 14, California Code of Regulations (CCR). A De Minimus Impact form is also included for this project as is required pursuant to §753.5(c), Title 14, CCR.

Please confirm receipt of one copy and return to the undersigned. Self-addressed envelopes have been provided for your convenience. If you have any questions, you can call me at (909) 396-3054.

Sincerely,

Steve Smith, Ph.D.
Program Supervisor
Office of Planning, Rule Development,
and Area Sources

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

To: County Clerk, Gina Morla
County of Los Angeles
12400 E. Imperial Hwy, Room 2001.
Norwalk, California 90650

From: SCAQMD
21865 E. Copley Dr.
Diamond Bar, CA 91765

SUBJECT: *FILING OF NOTICE OF DETERMINATION IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTIONS 21108 or 21152 OF THE PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE AND SECTION 15094 OF THE CEQA GUIDELINES*

Project Title: Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Proposed AES Alamitos, L.L.C. - Selective Catalytic Reduction (SCR) Installation Project at Alamitos Generating Station (Units 1, 2, 3, 4)

SCH Number: 2000111039

Date Certified: March 9, 2001

Contact Person: Steve Smith, Ph.D. **Telephone Number:** (909) 396-3054

Project Location: 690 North Studebaker Road, Long Beach, California in Los Angeles County

Project Description: *AES proposes to install SCR at the Alamitos Generating Station's Units 1, 2, 3 and 4. SCR will be used to reduce nitrogen oxide (NOx) emissions, in order to comply with the declining facility-wide NOx emission limits imposed under South Coast Air Quality Management District's (SCAQMD) Regulation XX – Regional Clean Air Incentives Market (RECLAIM) Program. The proposed SCR project consists of the installation of: 1) four SCR reactor units within the existing boilers of Units 1, 2, 3 and 4; 2) a carbon steel assembly comprised of four reactors; 3) three 20,000-gallon double-walled, aboveground, and separately contained carbon steel ammonia storage tanks; and 4) control equipment that would be incorporated into the existing generating station distribution control system with new interface hardware. Aqueous ammonia used in the SCR units would be transported to the facility via tanker truck along the existing approved route, which was established prior to and in conjunction with the installation of SCR on Units 5 and 6.*

This is to advise that the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) as the Lead Agency for the above described project has made the following determinations regarding the above described project:

1. A Final EIR was prepared and certified for this project by the SCAQMD pursuant to the provisions of CEQA. The Draft EIR was circulated for a shortened review period of 30-days as permitted by the State Clearinghouse.
2. The Final EIR concluded that the proposed project will have significant unavoidable adverse impacts on the environment.
3. Pursuant to the CEQA Guidelines, the SCAQMD as the Lead Agency is filing this Notice of Determination.

4. Mitigation measures were made a condition of the approval of this project.
5. A statement of Findings was adopted for this project pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15091.
6. A statement of Overriding Considerations was adopted for this project pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15093.
7. The SCAQMD has adopted a mitigation monitoring program pursuant to Public Resource Code §21081.6 and CEQA Guidelines §15097 for this project.

The Final EIR, supporting documentation, and record of project approval may be examined at:
SCAQMD Headquarters, 21865 E. Copley Dr., Diamond Bar, CA 91765.

Date Received for filing

Signature:

Barry R. Wallerstein, D.Env.
Executive Officer

