

## NOTICE OF DECISION

**To:** Office of the Secretary for Resources  
Attention: General Counsel's Office  
1416 9th Street, Suite 1311  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**From:** SCAQMD  
Office of Planning, Rule  
Development & Area Sources  
21865 Copley Drive  
Diamond Bar, CA 91765

**SUBJECT:** FILING OF NOTICE OF DECISION IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 21080.5 OF THE PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE

**Project Title:** Addendum to the June 2000 Final Program Environmental Assessment (PEA) for Proposed Fleet Vehicle Rules and Related Rule Amendments for the proposed amended Rule 1195 – Clean On-Road Heavy Duty Public Fleets

**SCAQMD Number:** 060301MK **Date Certified:** May 5, 2006

**Contact Person:** Michael Krause **Telephone Number:** (909) 396 - 2706

**Project Location:** South Coast Air Quality Management District: the four-county South Coast Air Basin (Orange County and the non-desert portions of Los Angeles, Riverside, and San Bernardino counties) and the Riverside County portions of the Salton Sea Air Basin and the Mojave Desert Air Basin.

**Project Description:** To address the continuing lack of natural-gas refueling infrastructure in more remote areas of the SCAQMD jurisdictional boundaries, the SCAQMD is proposing to reinstate a sunset date of July 1, 2008 for a particular exemption where no alternative-fuel refueling station is available within five miles of the school bus storage/maintenance yard and the school bus fleet operator lacks external funding needed to build a new alternative-fuel refueling station. In addition, the minimal external funding (beyond the school bus fleet operator's fiscal budget) to build a new alternative-fuel refueling station currently required to be eligible for the exemption would be lowered from \$13,000 to \$8,000 per alternative-fueled school bus. No significant adverse environmental impacts were identified.

This is to advise that the *South Coast Air Quality Management District* has approved the above-described project and has made the following determinations regarding the above-described project:

1. The project will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment.
2. An Addendum to the June 2000 Final PEA for Proposed Fleet Vehicle Rules and Related Rule Amendments for the proposed amended Rule 1195 – Clean On-Road School Buses was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA and SCAQMD Rule 110.
3. Mitigation measures were not made a condition of the approval of this project. A monitoring program under PRC §21081.6 was not adopted for this project.
4. A Statement of Findings and a Statement of Overriding Considerations were not adopted for this project.

The Addendum to the Final PEA, supporting documentation, and record of project approval may be examined at: *SCAQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA. 91765-4182.*

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Date Received for Filing

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Steve Smith, Ph.D.  
Program Supervisor

Planning, Rule Development and Area  
Sources

**California Department of Fish and Game**  
**CERTIFICATE OF FEE EXEMPTION**  
**De Minimis Impact Finding**

**Project Title/Date Certified/Location Name:**

Title: Addendum to the June 2000 Final Program Environmental Assessment (PEA) for Proposed Fleet Vehicle Rules and Related Rule Amendments for the proposed amended Rule 1195 – Clean On-Road School Buses

Date Certified: May 5, 2006

Location: South Coast Air Quality Management District: the four-county South Coast Air Basin (Orange County and the non-desert portions of Los Angeles, Riverside and San Bernardino counties) and the Riverside County portions of the Salton Sea Air Basin and the Mojave Desert Air Basin.

**Project Proponent:** South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD)

**Address of Project Proponent:** 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, California 91765-4182

**Project Description:**

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**Findings of Exemption:**

The Addendum to the Final PEA, which consists of the Project Description and Environmental Analysis, was prepared pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines §15164. It was concluded in the Addendum, previously prepared Initial Study, and the Final PEA, that the proposed project would have no direct or indirect effects on wildlife resources or the habitat upon which the wildlife depends. Further, no secondary adverse impacts to plant and animal life were identified in the Addendum that would result from the proposed project. The Addendum is not required to be circulated for public review, and therefore, no comments were received. No comments were received on the previously prepared Program EA that refuted the conclusion of insignificant impacts to biological resources.

The SCAQMD declares that, when considering the record as a whole, there is no evidence before the agency that the proposed project will have potential for significant adverse effects on wildlife resources or the habitat upon which wildlife depends. Based upon the preceding information, the SCAQMD (as lead agency) has, on the basis of substantial evidence, rebutted the presumption of adverse effect contained in §753.5 (d), Title 14, CCR.

**Certification:**

I hereby certify that the decisionmaker of the lead agency, has made the above findings of fact for this project and that based upon the Addendum, and hearing record the project will not individually or cumulatively have adverse effects on wildlife resources, as defined in Section 711.2 of the Fish and Game Code.

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**Lead Agency:** South Coast Air Quality Management District  
**Date:** May 5, 2006