



South Coast Air Quality Management District

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September 14, 2007

County of Los Angeles
County Clerk, Mr. Harnell Harper
12400 E. Imperial Hwy, Room 2001.
Norwalk, CA 90650

Mr. Harper:

Enclosed please find two copies of the Notice of Determination (NOD) for an Addendum to the April 2004 Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) prepared for the Paramount Refinery Clean Fuels Project (SCH #2003031044). The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) document for the current proposed project was certified on September 14, 2007. Please record and post according to the provisions of CEQA.

The NOD contained herein is for a modification to the permit project for which the SCAQMD has prepared an Addendum to the Final EIR. Enclosed is a check for \$50.00 required by the County of Los Angeles to post the NOD for 30 days in accordance with the provisions of CEQA Guidelines §15094(e).

The proposed project is an addendum to the Clean Fuels Project which was determined in April 2004 to be exempt from the Department of Fish and Game filing fee pursuant to §753.5 (a)(3), Title 14, California Code of Regulations (CCR) due to a *de minimus* impact on wildlife and the habitat upon which the wildlife depends. The attached copy of the filing receipt to the County of Los Angeles and the Certificate of Fee Exemption form is also included. The change to the project will have no effect on biological resources as the project simply changes a fix roof tank to a floating roof tank, adds an ethanol filter and a gasoline filter to the gasoline blender and changes the contents from asphalt to ethanol all within the confines of an existing, established facility.

Please confirm receipt of one copy of the NOD and return it to the undersigned in the self-addressed stamped envelope enclosed. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (909) 396-3054.

Sincerely,

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

Enclosures

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

To: County Clerk, Mr. Harnell Harper
County of Los Angeles
12400 E. Imperial Hwy, Room 2001
Norwalk, California 90650

From: South Coast Air Quality Management District
21865 Copley Drive
Diamond Bar, California 91765

SUBJECT: FILING OF NOTICE OF DETERMINATION IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 21152 OF THE PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE

Project Title: Addendum to the April 2004 Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) prepared for the Paramount Refinery Clean Fuels Project

SCH Number: 2003031044 **Date Certified:** September 14, 2007

Contact Person: James Koizumi **Telephone Number:** 909-396-3234

Project Location: 14700 Downey Avenue, Paramount, California (Los Angeles County)

Project Description: The current proposed modification involves changes to the construction and operation emissions for the proposed project as analyzed in the April 2004 Final EIR. The Refinery will change the service of one existing fixed roof storage tank (T-5006) from its current asphalt service to ethanol service and convert it to a fixed roof tank with an internal floating roof. An ethanol filter will be installed in the tank piping. A gasoline filter would also be added to the gasoline blender. The proposed modification would result in additional construction activities from installing the internal floating roof and associated revised air emissions with the project. The construction emissions would be within the daily maximum presented in the April 2004 Final EIR and the operational emissions would increase by 0.10 pounds per day of VOC, which is under the SCAQMD CEQA VOC significance threshold of 55 pounds per day. The construction emissions are less than the SCAQMD significance thresholds criteria. The additional 0.10 pounds of VOC per day will not change the significance determination for operation as presented in the April 2004 Final EIR. No conclusions for any other environmental topic would be altered.

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. The proposed modification to the original project described in the April 2004 Final EIR will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment or make an existing significant adverse impact substantially worse.
2. An Addendum to the April 2004 Final EIR was prepared and certified for this project by the SCAQMD pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures were not made a condition of the approval of this project since no new additional significant adverse impacts were identified.
4. A mitigation monitoring reporting or monitoring plan was not required or adopted for this project.
5. A Statement of Findings and a Statement of Overriding Considerations were not required for this project since no new additional significant adverse impacts were identified.

The Addendum to the April 2004 Final EIR, supporting documentation, and record of project approval may be examined at: SCAQMD Headquarters, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA. 91765

Date Received for Filing

Signature: _____

Barry R. Wallerstein, D. Env.
Executive Officer