



South Coast Air Quality Management District

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March 7, 2008

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

To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed please find two copies of the Notice of Decision (NOD) for the CEQA document prepared for Proposed Rule (PR) 445 – Wood Burning Devices. The Final Environmental Assessment (EA) for PR 445 was prepared pursuant to CEQA and the South Coast Air Quality Management District's (SCAQMD) certified regulatory program. The CEQA document was certified by SCAQMD's Governing Board at its March 7, 2008 Public Hearing. Please record and post the NOD according to the provisions of CEQA.

SCAQMD Rule 110 requires that written responses to public comments on a SCAQMD CEQA document be filed with the Secretary of Resources along with the Notice of Decision. One comment letter was received on the Draft EA for PR 445. The comment letter and the response to comments are located in the enclosed Appendix D from the Final EA for PR 445.

It was determined that the proposed project qualifies for the "no effect" fee exemption in accordance with recently revised Department of Fish and Game Code §711.4, Title 14, California Code of Regulations (CCR) and, therefore, a copy of the signed Fish and Game "no effect" fee exemption form is attached to prove compliance and ensure immediate posting of the NOD.

Please confirm receipt of one copy of the NOD and return it to the undersigned. Two return envelopes have been provided for your convenience (one for the confirmed copy upon receipt, and one for the original NOD to be returned after the posting period). If you have any questions, please call me at (909) 396-3054 or James Koizumi at (909) 396-3234.

Sincerely,

Steve Smith, Ph.D.
CEQA Program Supervisor
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Enclosures

To: Office of the Secretary for Resources
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From: SCAQMD
Planning, Rules and Area Sources
21865 Copley Drive
Diamond Bar, CA 91765

Subject: FILING OF NOTICE OF DECISION IN COMPLIANCE WITH §21080.5 OF THE
PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE

Project Title: Final Environmental Assessment: Proposed Amended Rule (PR) 445 – Wood Burning
Devices

Lead Agency: South Coast Air Quality Management District

SCAQMD Number: 090207JK

Date Certified: March 1, 2008

Contact Person: James Koizumi

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Project Location: South Coast Air Basin (all of Orange County and the nondesert portions of Los
Angeles, Riverside, and San Bernardino counties.

Project Description: The objective of PR 445 is to partially implement the 2003 AQMP control
measures MSC-06 – Emission Reductions from Wood Burning Fireplaces and Wood Stoves, to further
reduce PM10 emissions. Proposed Rule 445 applies to the sale, installation and use of wood burning
devices. The proposed rule would affect businesses and the private residences.

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 impact on the environment.
2. Mitigation measures not were made a condition of the approval of this project.
3. A mitigation monitoring program under PRC § 21081.6 was not adopted for this project.
4. Findings were not adopted for this project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was not adopted for this project.

The Final EA, supporting documentation, and record of project approval may be examined at:
SCAQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765.

Date Received for Filing

Signature: _____

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