



South Coast Air Quality Management District

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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 Amended Rule (PAR) 1401– *New Source Review of Toxic Air Contaminants*; Impact Assessment for Facilities Subject to Rule 1402 – *Control of Toxic Air Contaminants from Existing Sources*; and Proposed Rule (PR) 1472 - *Requirements for Facilities with Multiple Stationary Emergency Standby Diesel-Fueled Internal Combustion Engines*. The Final Program Environmental Assessment (PEA) for PAR 1401, Impact Assessment for Facilities Subject to Rule 1402, and PR 1472 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 PEA for PAR 1401, Impact Assessment for Facilities Subject to Rule 1402, and PR 1472, therefore, a copy of the Final PEA, which includes the comment letter and responses to the comment letter, is enclosed.

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 them 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 Michael Krause at (909) 396-2706.

Sincerely,

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

Enclosures

NOTICE OF DECISION

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

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 Program Environmental Assessment (PEA): Proposed Amended Rule 1401– New Source Review of Toxic Air Contaminants; Impact Assessment for Facilities Subject to Rule 1402 – Control of Toxic Air Contaminants from Existing Sources; and Proposed Rule 1472 - Requirements for Facilities with Multiple Stationary Emergency Standby Diesel-Fueled Internal Combustion Engines

Lead Agency: South Coast Air Quality Management District

SCAQMD Number: 071220MK

Date Certified: March 7, 2008

Contact Person: Michael Krause

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Project Location: South Coast Air Quality Management District area of jurisdiction: South Coast Air Basin (all of Orange County and the nondesert portions of Los Angeles, Riverside, and San Bernardino counties), and the Riverside County portions of the Salton Sea Air Basin and Mojave Desert Air Basin

Project Description: The proposed project consists of adding particulate matter emissions from diesel-fueled internal combustion engines (diesel PM) to the Rule 1401 Table I list of toxic air contaminants (TACs), which would affect new, modified, or relocated diesel-fueled non-emergency engines. Rule 1402 regulates the same TACs that are listed in Table I in 1401 at existing facilities. Because adding diesel PM to Table I in 1401 affects facilities subject to Rule 1402, it is necessary to perform an impact assessment for facilities subject to Rule 1402. Operators of facilities with three or more stationary emergency standby diesel-fueled internal combustion engines will be required under proposed Rule (PR) 1472 to submit a compliance plan and possibly reduce diesel PM emissions using strategies such as reducing testing and maintenance hours, installing add-on controls, averaging emissions and/or replacing older, high emitting engines with new engines. Compliance with PR 1472 would also exempt diesel-fueled internal combustion engines located at affected facilities from risk reduction requirements of Rule 1402. The Draft PEA concluded that the proposed projects could potentially generate adverse air quality impacts during construction, but the impacts would not be significant. The Draft PEA also concluded that no other environmental topic areas would be significantly adversely affected by the proposed project.

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. A Final PEA for PAR 1401, Impact Assessment for Facilities Subject to Rule 1402, and PR 1472 was approved pursuant to the provision of CEQA and SCAQMD Rule 110.
2. The Final PEA concluded that the proposed project would not have a significant impact on the environment and, therefore, no mitigation measures were required.
3. No mitigation measures were required for this project and, therefore, a mitigation monitoring program under PRC § 21081.6 was not adopted for this project.
4. Findings and a Statement of Overriding Considerations were not required and, thus, not adopted for this project pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §§15091 and 15093, respectively.

The Final PEA, 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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