

June 1, 2012

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 Final Environmental Assessment (EA) prepared for proposed Rule 1177 – Liquefied Petroleum Gas Transfer and Dispensing. The Final SEA was prepared for the proposed project 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 June 1, 2012, Public Hearing. Please record and post the Notice of Decision 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 the proposed project. This comment letter and responses to the comments can be found in Appendix C of the enclosed Final EA for the proposed project.

Also enclosed is the original signed CEQA Filing Fee No Effect Determination Form from the Department of Fish and Game pursuant to §711.4 of the California Fish and Game Code.

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 copies 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 Barbara Radlein at (909) 396-2716.

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  
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**From:** SCAQMD  
Office of Planning and Rules  
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 (EA) for Proposed Rule 1177 – Liquefied Petroleum Gas Transfer and Dispensing

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

**SCAQMD Number:** 03302012BAR

**Date Certified:** June 1, 2012

**SCH Number:** 2012041008

**Contact Person:** Barbara A. Radlein

**Telephone Number:** (909) 396-2716

**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:** To reduce emissions of volatile organic compounds (VOC) from the transfer and dispensing of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) during deliveries to residential, industrial and commercial users, transfers to fueling stations and cylinder refueling, SCAQMD staff is proposing to adopt Proposed Rule (PR) 1177 – Liquefied Petroleum Gas Transfer and Dispensing. PR 1177 would apply to the transfer of LPG to and from stationary storage tanks and cargo tanks, including bobtails, tanker trucks and rail tank cars, and into portable refillable tanks. Key components of PR 1177 would require the following: 1) the use of low emission connectors for transfer and dispensing of LPG to limit the discharge of LPG upon disconnection to four cubic centimeters or less, effective July 1, 2013; 2) installation of low emission fixed liquid level gauges (FLLG) or use of an equivalent technique or technology on applicable receiving tanks (e.g., stationary tanks, cargo tanks, and portable tanks) in accordance with the installation schedule of the proposed rule ranging from July 1, 2013 and July 1, 2017; 3) routine LPG transfer equipment and component leak detection and repair by trained personnel; 4) associated recordkeeping and reporting to demonstrate compliance with the proposed rule requirements; and, 5) conduct proper maintenance of vapor recovery or equalization systems at bulk loading facilities. Upon full implementation, PR 1177 is estimated to reduce VOC emissions by 6.1 tons per day. The environmental analysis in the Final EA concluded that PR 1177 would not generate any significant adverse environmental impacts.

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 were not 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. A Statement of Findings was 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.

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Date Received for Filing

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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