

NOTICE OF DECISION

To: Office of the Secretary for Resources
General Counsel's Office
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Sacramento, CA 95814 **From:** SCAQMD
Planning, Rule Development & Area Sources
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Subject: Filing of Notice of Decision in compliance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15252(b) and SCAQMD Rule 110(f)

Project Title: Final Environmental Assessment (EA) for Proposed Amended Rule 1420 – Emissions Standard for Lead

Lead Agency: South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD)

SCH Number: 2017091055

Date Certified: December 1, 2017

SCAQMD Number: 09182017DT

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Project Location: The proposed project will affect facilities located within the SCAQMD's boundary. The SCAQMD has jurisdiction over all of Orange County, the urban portions of Los Angeles and San Bernardino counties southwest of the San Bernardino and San Gabriel mountains, and nearly all of Riverside County, with the exception of communities near the state border.

Project Description: Amendments to Rule 1420 were adopted to reduce public health impacts from point and fugitive lead emissions from metal melting or lead processing facilities by reducing the exposure to lead, and to ensure and maintain attainment of the National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) for lead within the South Coast Air Basin. The amendments to Rule 1420 include an initial ambient air lead concentration limit of 0.150 micrograms per cubic meter ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$) averaged over 30 consecutive days and will be lowered to a final limit of 0.100 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ by January 1, 2021. The amendments to Rule 1420 also contain new requirements for point source lead emission controls, along with periodic source testing, capture efficiency testing, conditional ambient air monitoring, and reporting and recordkeeping requirements to ensure continuous compliance. To prevent fugitive lead emissions, Rule 1420 also contains new requirements to conduct housekeeping and maintenance activities and to install total enclosures in areas where lead processing operations and associated processes are being conducted. Any facility that exceeds the limits in Rule 1420 will be subject to additional mitigation requirements.

Although the reduction of lead emissions are expected to create an environmental benefit and protect public health, the activities that metal melting or lead processing facilities may undertake to ensure compliance with Rule 1420 may also create secondary adverse environmental impacts. However, the analysis of Rule 1420 in the Final EA did not result in the identification of any environmental topic areas that would be significantly adversely affected.

This is to advise that the SCAQMD has certified the Final EA and approved the above described project, and has made the following determinations:

1. The Final EA was prepared pursuant to SCAQMD's Certified Regulatory Program.
2. The Final EA concluded that the project will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment.
3. Because the Final EA concluded that the project will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment, mitigation measures were not made a condition of the approval of this project. Thus, a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan, pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21081.6 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15097, was not required or adopted for this project.
4. Findings pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15091 and a Statement of Overriding Considerations pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15093 were also not required or 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.

Signature: _____

Date Received for Filing

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