



**South Coast
Air Quality Management District**

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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: *County Clerk, Mary Ann Meyer
County of Riverside
2720 Gateway Drive
Riverside, CA 92507*

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

Project Title:

Proposed Rule 317 – Clean Air Act Non-Attainment Fees

Project Location:

The Riverside County portions of the Salton Sea Air Basin within the South Coast Air Quality Management District

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The proposed adoption of Rule 317 – Clean Air Act Non-Attainment Fees, will require that air district administrators with jurisdiction over air basins that are classified as “severe” or “extreme” non-attainment with the federal one-hour ozone standard to adopt a rule that would require operators of major stationary sources to: 1) comply with the federal one-hour ozone standard; or, 2) mitigate both VOC and NOx emissions by 2007, by paying fees.

Public Agency Approving Project:

South Coast Air Quality Management District

Agency Carrying Out Project:

South Coast Air Quality Management District

Exempt Status:

CEQA Guidelines §15002 (k)(1) - Three-Step Process

CEQA Guidelines §15061 (b)(1) – Review for Exemption (Exemption by Statute)

CEQA Guidelines §15268 (b)(1) – Ministerial Projects

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project was reviewed and determined to be exempt by statute because the project is mandatory pursuant to the federal Clean Air Act. Therefore, the SCAQMD has determined that the proposal is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15061 (b)(1) – Review for Exemption (Exemption by Statute) and CEQA Guidelines §15268 (b)(1) – Ministerial Projects.

Certification Date:

SCAQMD Governing Board Hearing: December 5, 2008, 9:00 a.m.; SCAQMD Headquarters

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