

# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**To:** County Clerks of  
Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside,  
San Bernardino

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

---

**Project Title:**

Proposed Amended Regulation III – Fees

---

**Project Location:**

South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) area of jurisdiction consisting of the four-county South Coast Air Basin (Orange County and the non-desert portions of Los Angeles, Riverside and San Bernardino counties), and the Riverside County portions of the Salton Sea Air Basin and the Mojave Desert Air Basin.

---

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:**

The purpose of the proposed amendments is to better align program revenues with program costs. Other proposed amendments clarify rule provisions and have minor fee adjustments. Staff is proposing to adjust fee rates by 2.1 percent, consistent with the CPI increase for this fiscal year. Staff has also proposed administrative amendments that have no revenue impact. The following is a summary of the proposed amendments to Regulation III that would affect FY 2010-11:

- 1) List existing fees for training classes and Certified Permitting Professional (CPP) license fees in a new Proposed Rule 315 – Fees for Training Programs and License Renewals;
- 2) Align the fees currently charged for transfer of Mobile Source Emission Reduction Credits (MSERC);
- 3) Assess a fee for re-issuance of a duplicate Employee Transportation Coordinator (ETC) certificate;
- 4) Clarify in Rule 301, Table 1A, that the permit fees for a thermal oxidizer (VOC control device) are the same as that for afterburners;
- 5) Assess fees for Proposed Rule 2512 plan submission and evaluation;
- 7) Clarify that there is no cap on the Change of Operator fees for RECLAIM sources;
- 8) Delete redundant text for rescinded Rule 1309.2 – Offset Budget from Rule 301;
- 9) Refund Rule 301 emission fees, for major stationary sources subject to PAR 317 – Clean Air Act Non-Attainment Fees, that pay a PAR 317 emissions fee, not to exceed the amount of PAR 317 fees; and
- 10) Other corrections and clarifications with minimal or no fiscal impact.

---

**Public Agency Approving Project:**

South Coast Air Quality Management District

---

**Agency Carrying Out Project:**

South Coast Air Quality Management District

---

**Exempt Status:**

Rates, Tolls, Fares, and Charges [CEQA Guidelines §15273 a)-c)];

---

**Reasons why project is exempt:**

SCAQMD staff has reviewed the proposed amendments to Regulation III – Fees, and determined them to be statutorily exempt from CEQA requirements pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines §15273 – Rates, Tolls, Fares, and Charges. The proposed amendments to Regulation III – Fees, clarify rule provisions, have minor fee adjustments to better recover costs, and contain administrative amendments.

---

**Certification Date:**

SCAQMD Governing Board Hearing: May 7, 2010, 9:00 a.m.; SCAQMD Headquarters

---

**CEQA Contact Person:**

Mr. Jeffrey Inabinet

---

**Phone Number:**

(909) 396-2453

---

**Fax Number:**

(909) 396-3324

---

**Email:**

<jinabinet@aqmd.gov>

---

**Rule Contact Person:**

Mr. Henry Pourzand

---

**Phone Number:**

(909) 396-2414

---

**Fax Number:**

(909) 396-3324

---

**Email:**

<hpourzand@aqmd.gov>

---

Date Received for Filing \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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