



South Coast Air Quality Management District

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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF EXEMPTION FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

PROJECT TITLE: PROPOSED AMENDED RULE 1143 – CONSUMER PAINT THINNERS AND MULTI-PURPOSE SOLVENTS

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) is the Lead Agency and has prepared a Notice of Exemption for the project identified above.

The SCAQMD has reviewed the proposed project pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15002 (k)(1), the first step of a three-step process for deciding which document to prepare for a project subject to CEQA. Based upon staff's review, it has been determined that the proposed amendments are exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15268 – Ministerial Projects. The proposed project consists of rescinding the VOC limit of 25 grams per liter (g/L) for paint thinners and multi-purpose solvents to comply with the judgment issued by the Los Angeles County Superior Court on April 1, 2010. Because the SCAQMD has no discretion with regard to the proposed project, it is considered to be ministerially exempt.

A Notice of Exemption has been prepared pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15062 - Notice of Exemption. If approved, the Notice of Exemption will be filed with the county clerks of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino counties.

Any questions regarding this Notice of Exemption should be sent to Barbara Radlein (c/o Planning, Rule Development and Area Sources) at the above address. Ms. Radlein can also be reached at (909) 396-2716. Mr. Don Hopps is also available at (909) 396-2334 to answer any questions regarding the proposed amended rule.

Date: April 22, 2010

Signature: Steve Smith

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Sources

Reference: California Code of Regulations, Title 14

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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

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

Project Title:

Proposed Amended Rule 1143 – Consumer Paint Thinners and Multi-Purpose Solvents

Project Location:

South Coast Air Quality Management District: 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 portion of the Mojave Desert Air Basin.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

Amendments are proposed to Rule 1143 – Consumer Paint Thinners and Multi-Purpose Solvents, to rescind the VOC limit of 25 grams per liter (g/L) for paint thinners and multi-purpose solvents to comply with the judgment issued by the Los Angeles County Superior Court on April 1, 2010.

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 §15268 – Ministerial Projects

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project was reviewed and determined to be ministerially exempt because the SCAQMD has no discretion with regard to the proposed project. Therefore, the SCAQMD has determined that the proposal is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15268 – Ministerial Projects.

Certification Date:

*SCAQMD Governing Board Hearing: June 4, 2010, 9:00 a.m.; SCAQMD Headquarters
(subject to change)*

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Date Received for Filing: _____

Signature: _____ *(Signed Upon Certification)*

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