

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: County Clerk, Ms. Tasha Arterberry
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From: South Coast Air Quality Management District
21865 Copley Drive
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Project Title:

Proposed Rule 1148.2 – Notification and Reporting Requirements for Oil and Gas Wells and Chemical Suppliers

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:

Proposed Rule (PR) 1148.2 would establish notification and reporting requirements for all oil and gas well pre-production operations where air quality-related emissions may occur. Specifically, PR 1148.2 would require owners or operators of oil and gas wells to notify the SCAQMD when and where any well drilling, re-drilling, reworking, hydraulic fracturing, or other well stimulation activities will occur. Following completion of the pre-production activities, PR 1148.2 would require that information be submitted that identifies the names and quantities of chemicals and other process operation parameters in order for SCAQMD to assess the air pollution emission potential of each well pre-production activity. With the exception of trade secret information, PR 1148.2 also requires the SCAQMD to make specific information reported to the SCAQMD available to the public by posting relevant data on the SCAQMD's website.

Public Agency Approving Project:

South Coast Air Quality Management District

Agency Carrying Out Project:

South Coast Air Quality Management District

Exempt Status:

Statute Exemption [CEQA Guidelines §15262]; and,
Categorical Exemption [CEQA Guidelines §15306]

Reasons why project is exempt:

PR 1148.2 would only require the gathering and reporting of data to SCAQMD staff for possible future actions, which have not been approved, adopted or funded, and therefore, is exempt from CEQA under the feasibility and planning studies statutory exemption (CEQA Guidelines §15262) and the information collection categorical exemption (CEQA Guidelines §15306).

Certification Date:

SCAQMD Governing Board Hearing: April 5, 2013, 9:00 a.m.; SCAQMD Headquarters

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