



South Coast Air Quality Management District

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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF EXEMPTION FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

PROJECT TITLE: SUPPLEMENT TO 24-HOUR PM2.5 STATE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (SIP) FOR SOUTH COAST AIR BASIN

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) - General Concepts, the first step of a three-step process for deciding which document to prepare for a project subject to CEQA. The proposed amendments do not require any major modifications or changes to existing operations. The SCAQMD has determined that that it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the proposed project may have any significant effects on the environment, and is therefore, exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15061 - Review for Exemption, paragraph (b)(3) – “general rule” exemption.

A Notice of Exemption has been prepared pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15062 - Notice of Exemption. If the project is 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 Michael Krause (c/o Planning, Rule Development and Area Sources) at the above address. Mr. Krause can also be reached at (909) 396-2706 or mkrause@aqmd.gov.

Date: February 6, 2015

Signature: 

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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:

Supplement to 24-hour PM2.5 State Implementation Plan (SIP) for South Coast Air Basin

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:

The purpose of this Supplement to the 24-hour PM2.5 SIP for the South Coast Air Basin is to demonstrate attainment of the 2006 24-hour PM2.5 National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) by 2015 under Clean Air Act (CAA) Subpart 4, along with a new transportation conformity budget for 2015, analysis of Reasonably Available Control Measures (RACM)/Reasonably Available Control Technology (RACT), emission reduction commitments submitted in the 2012 AQMP, and other Subpart 4 requirements. In addition, the Supplement includes a discussion of the effects of the drought on a 2014 attainment date.

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) – General Concepts; and
CEQA Guidelines §15061 (b)(3) – Review for Exemption

Reasons why project is exempt:

The SCAQMD has reviewed the Supplement to 24-hour PM2.5 State Implementation Plan (SIP) for South Coast Air Basin pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15002 (k)(1) - General Concepts, the first step of a three-step process for deciding which document to prepare for a project subject to CEQA. The SCAQMD has determined that the Supplement is not proposing to add new or delete any control measures from the current 24-hour PM2.5 SIP for South Coast Air Basin that have the potential to have a direct or indirect adverse impact on the environment but merely presents updated analyses and other changes that do not have the potential to cause a direct or indirect adverse impact on the environment, thus it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the proposed project may have any significant effects on the environment, and is therefore, exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15061 - Review for Exemption, paragraph (b)(3) – “general rule” exemption.

Project Approval Date:

SCAQMD Governing Board Hearing: February 6, 2015, 9:00 a.m.; SCAQMD Headquarters

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Signature:

(To be signed upon project approval)

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