



South Coast
Air Quality Management District
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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF EXEMPTION FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

PROJECT TITLE: AMENDMENTS TO BEST AVAILABLE CONTROL TECHNOLOGY GUIDELINES

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) is the Lead Agency and will prepare 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.

SCAQMD's New Source Review (NSR) regulations require applicants to use Best Available Control Technology (BACT) for new sources, relocated sources, and for modifications to existing sources that may result in an emission increase of any nonattainment air contaminant, any ozone depleting compound (ODC), or ammonia. Regulation XIII – New Source Review also requires the Executive Officer to periodically publish BACT Guidelines that establish the procedures and the BACT requirements for commonly permitted equipment.

The proposed project is to update the Overview, Parts A, B, C and D, and to add Parts E and F to the BACT Guidelines in order to maintain consistency with recent changes to SCAQMD rules, and state and federal requirements. The proposed amendments will not result in more stringent requirements than those already required by current regulations. Therefore, it was not necessary for staff to evaluate the achieved-in-practice status nor cost effectiveness of the underlying technologies required for updates to BACT. Since the proposed amendments are only updating the BACT Guidelines with current, already existing requirements, it can be seen with certainty that the proposed project has no potential to adversely impact air quality or any other environmental topic area. As such, the proposed project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15061(b)(3).

Any questions regarding this Notice of Exemption should be sent to Jeff Inabinet (c/o Planning, Rule Development & Area Sources) at the above address. Mr. Inabinet can also be reached at 909.396.2453. Questions regarding the proposed amendments to the BACT Guidelines should be directed to Mr. Al Baez at 909.396.2516.

Date: December 2, 2016

Signature: _____

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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino County Clerks	From: South Coast Air Quality Management District 21865 Copley Drive Diamond Bar, CA 91765
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Project Title:

Amendments to Best Available Control Technology (BACT) Guidelines

Project Location:

The proposed amendments to the BACT Guidelines will affect facilities within the SCAQMD's boundary. The SCAQMD has jurisdiction over all of Orange County, the urban portions of Los Angeles and San Bernardino counties southwest of the San Bernardino and San Gabriel mountains, and nearly all of Riverside county, with the exception of communities near the state border.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

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Public Agency Approving Project:

South Coast Air Quality Management District

Agency Carrying Out Project:

South Coast Air Quality Management District

Exempt Status:

General Rule Exemption [CEQA Guidelines §15061 (b)(3)]

Reasons why project is exempt:

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Certification Date:

December 2, 2016, 9:00 a.m.; SCAQMD Headquarters

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