



# South Coast Air Quality Management District

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**SUBJECT: NOTICE OF EXEMPTION FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT**

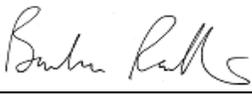
**PROJECT TITLE: PROPOSED AMENDED RULES: 110 – RULE ADOPTION PROCEDURES TO ASSURE PROTECTION AND ENHANCEMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT; 212 – STANDARDS FOR APPROVING PERMITS AND ISSUING PUBLIC NOTICE; 301 – PERMITTING AND ASSOCIATED FEES; 303 – HEARING BOARD FEES; 306 – PLAN FEES; 307.1 – ALTERNATIVE FEES FOR AIR TOXICS EMISSIONS INVENTORY; 309 – FEES FOR REGULATION XVI AND REGULATION XXV; 315 – FEES FOR TRAINING CLASSES AND LICENSE RENEWAL; 518.2 – FEDERAL ALTERNATIVE OPERATING CONDITIONS; 1310 – ANALYSIS AND REPORTING; 1605 – CREDITS FOR THE VOLUNTARY REPAIR OF ON-ROAD MOTOR VEHICLES IDENTIFIED THROUGH REMOTE SENSING DEVICES; 1610 – OLD-VEHICLE SCRAPPING; 1612 – CREDITS FOR CLEAN ON-ROAD VEHICLES; 1620 – CREDITS FOR CLEAN OFF-ROAD MOBILE EQUIPMENT; 1623 – CREDITS FOR CLEAN LAWN AND GARDEN EQUIPMENT; 1710 – ANALYSIS, NOTICE, AND REPORTING; 1714 – PREVENTION OF SIGNIFICANT DETERIORATION FOR GREENHOUSE GASES; AND 3006 – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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. SCAQMD staff has reviewed the proposal to amend Rules 110, 212, 301, 303, 306, 307.1, 309, 315, 518.2, 1310, 1605, 1610, 1612, 1620, 1623, 1710, 1714, and 3006 (the proposed project) pursuant to: 1) CEQA Guidelines Section 15002(k) – General Concepts, the three-step process for deciding which document to prepare for a project subject to CEQA; and 2) CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 – Review for Exemption, procedures for determining if a project is exempt from CEQA. The proposed amendments to the rules identified above include language to enable the option for public notices and fee invoices to be delivered via electronic mail (email) or other electronic means, in addition to mail where it is required by the Health and Safety Code or SCAQMD rules. The proposed project also establishes a procedure for a person to request public notices to be sent by mail or email. The proposed project also enables for public notices for permit actions to be electronically noticed on the SCAQMD public website in lieu of publishing in a newspaper.

Because the proposed changes are administrative and procedural in nature and would not cause any physical changes that would affect any environmental topic area, SCAQMD staff has determined that it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the proposed project may have a significant adverse effect on the environment. Therefore, the project is considered to be exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) – Activities Covered by General Rule. A Notice of Exemption has been prepared pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 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 Tracy Tang (c/o Planning, Rule Development and Area Sources) at the above address. Ms. Tang can also be reached at (909) 396-2484. Mr. James McCreary is also available at (909) 396-2451 to answer any questions regarding the proposed amended rules.

**Date:** January 31, 2019

**Signature:**   
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Barbara Radlein  
Program Supervisor, CEQA Section  
Planning, Rule Development & Area Sources

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION FROM THE  
CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)**

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**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

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**Project Title:** Proposed Amended Rules: 110 – Rule Adoption Procedures to Assure Protection and Enhancement of the Environment; 212 – Standards for Approving Permits and Issuing Public Notice; 301 – Permitting and Associated Fees; 303 – Hearing Board Fees; 306 – Plan Fees; 307.1 – Alternative Fees for Air Toxics Emissions Inventory; 309 – Fees for Regulation XVI and Regulation XXV; 315 – Fees for Training Classes and License Renewal; 518.2 – Federal Alternative Operating Conditions; 1310 – Analysis and Reporting; 1605 – Credits for the Voluntary Repair of On-Road Motor Vehicles Identified Through Remote Sensing Devices; 1610 – Old-Vehicle Scrapping; 1612 – Credits for Clean On-Road Vehicles; 1620 – Credits for Clean Off-Road Mobile Equipment; 1623 – Credits for Clean Lawn and Garden Equipment; 1710 – Analysis, Notice, and Reporting; 1714 – Prevention of Significant Deterioration for Greenhouse Gases; and 3006 – Public Participation.

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**Project Location:** The SCAQMD has jurisdiction over the four-county South Coast Air Basin (all of 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 (SSAB) and Mojave Desert Air Basin (MDAB). The SCAQMD’s jurisdiction includes the federal nonattainment area known as the Coachella Valley Planning Area, which is a sub-region of Riverside County and the SSAB.

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**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** The proposed amendments to Rules 110, 212, 301, 303, 306, 307.1, 309, 315, 518.2, 1310, 1605, 1610, 1612, 1620, 1623, 1710, 1714, and 3006 (the proposed project) include language to enable the option for public notices and fee invoices to be delivered via electronic mail (email) or other electronic means, in addition to mail where it is required by the Health and Safety Code or SCAQMD rules. The proposed project also establishes a procedure for a person to request public notices to be sent by mail or email. The proposed project also enables for public notices for permit actions to be electronically noticed on the SCAQMD public website in lieu of publishing in a newspaper.

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**Public Agency Approving Project:**  
South Coast Air Quality Management District

**Agency Carrying Out Project:**  
South Coast Air Quality Management District

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**Exempt Status:** CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) – Activities Covered by General Rule

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**Reasons why project is exempt:** SCAQMD staff has reviewed the proposed project pursuant to: 1) CEQA Guidelines Section 15002(k) – General Concepts, the three-step process for deciding which document to prepare for a project subject to CEQA; and 2) CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 – Review for Exemption, procedures for determining if a project is exempt from CEQA. Because the proposed changes are administrative and procedural in nature and would not cause any physical changes that would affect any environmental topic area, it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the proposed project may have a significant adverse effect on the environment. Therefore, the project is considered to be exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) – Activities Covered by General Rule.

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**Date When Project Will Be Considered for Approval (subject to change):**  
SCAQMD Governing Board Hearing: March 1, 2019; SCAQMD Headquarters

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**Date Received for Filing:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ *(Signed Upon Board Approval)*

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