



South Coast Air Quality Management District

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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF EXEMPTION FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

PROJECT TITLE: PROPOSED SUBMISSION OF AMENDED RULE 1106 - MARINE AND PLEASURE CRAFT COATINGS FOR INCLUSION INTO THE SIP AND PROPOSED WITHDRAWAL OF RESCINDED RULE 1106.1 - PLEASURE CRAFT COATING OPERATIONS FROM THE SIP

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, the South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) is the Lead Agency for the project identified above and has prepared a Notice of Exemption for the project identified above. South Coast AQMD staff has reviewed the proposal to submit Rule 1106, as amended on May 3, 2019, into the State Implementation Plan (SIP) and to withdraw Rule 1106.1, as rescinded on May 3, 2019, from the SIP pursuant to: 1) CEQA Guidelines Section 15002(k) – General Concepts, the three-step process for deciding which document to prepare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 project is administrative and procedural in nature and would not cause any physical changes that would affect any environmental topic area, South Coast AQMD 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 proposed project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) – Common Sense Exemption. Furthermore, the proposed project is considered categorically exempt because the proposed submission of the May 3, 2019 version of Rule 1106 into the SIP and the proposed withdrawal of Rule 1106.1, as rescinded on May 3, 2019, from the SIP are considered actions to protect or enhance the environment pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15308 – Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment. Further, South Coast AQMD staff has determined that there is no substantial evidence indicating that any of the exceptions to the categorical exemption apply to the proposed project pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 – Exceptions. A Notice of Exemption has been prepared pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15062 – Notice of Exemption, and 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. Ms. Charlene Nguyen is available at (909) 396-2648 to answer any questions regarding the proposed project.

Date: 5/15/2019

Signature: 
Barbara Radlein
Program Supervisor, CEQA
Planning, Rule Development, and Area
Sources

Reference: California Code of Regulations, Title 14

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

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 Submission of Amended Rule 1106 - Marine and Pleasure Craft Coatings for Inclusion into the SIP and Proposed Withdrawal of Rescinded Rule 1106.1 - Pleasure Craft Coating Operations from the SIP

Project Location: The South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) 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 South Coast AQMD'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.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The South Coast AQMD is proposing to submit Rule 1106, as amended on May 3, 2019, for inclusion into the State Implementation Plan (SIP) and to withdraw Rule 1106.1, as rescinded on May 3, 2019, from the SIP.

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) – Common Sense Exemption

CEQA Guidelines Section 15308 – Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment

Reasons why project is exempt: South Coast AQMD staff has reviewed the proposed project pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15002 (k) – General Concepts, the three-step process for deciding which document to prepare for a project subject to CEQA and CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 – Review for Exemption, procedures for determining if a project is exempt from CEQA. Because the proposed project is administrative and procedural in nature and would not cause any physical changes that would affect any environmental topic area, South Coast AQMD 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 proposed project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) – Common Sense Exemption. Furthermore, the proposed project is considered categorically exempt because the proposed submission of the May 3, 2019 version of Rule 1106 into the SIP and the proposed withdrawal of Rule 1106.1, as rescinded on May 3, 2019, from the SIP are considered actions to protect or enhance the environment pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15308 – Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment. Further, South Coast AQMD staff has determined that there is no substantial evidence indicating that any of the exceptions to the categorical exemption apply to the proposed project pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 – Exceptions.

Date When Project Will Be Considered for Approval (subject to change):

South Coast AQMD Governing Board Hearing: June 7, 2019; South Coast AQMD Headquarters

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Date Received for Filing: _____ **Signature:** _____ *(Signed Upon Board Approval)*
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