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South Coast AQMD Statement on Administration's decision to revoke the California Waiver

Statement by Wayne Nastri, executive officer for the South Coast Air Quality Management District:

“California is unique in that emissions from mobile sources are the top cause of our air quality problems. Congress recognized this over 40 years ago when they gave California the authority to establish more stringent vehicle regulations in the Clean Air Act. The decision to revoke California’s ability to set emissions standards – the first time EPA has ever taken this action - is detrimental to the health of the people we serve and will prevent us from cleaning the air we breathe. Following decades of hard work, we see clearer skies, but we still have some of the worst air quality in the nation. The biggest contributing factors are the trucks, planes, trains and ships that carry the goods across our region—which have yet to be sufficiently regulated by the federal government. Instead, it is through California’s leadership and ability to set emissions standards for mobile sources that we have been able to tackle our air pollution issues. Although U.S. EPA appears to be focusing on California’s waiver for its greenhouse gas regulations, it ignores the fact that these regulations deliver substantial criteria pollutant benefits as well. Taking the waiver away is not the solution we need and is not supported by the public, local agencies or the automotive industry. South Coast AQMD will do whatever we can to support California in the fight to combat air pollution, reduce emissions and protect the public we serve.”