



# South Coast Air Quality Management District

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

**PROJECT TITLE: PROPOSED AMENDED REGULATION IX - STANDARDS OF PERFORMANCE FOR NEW STATIONARY SOURCES**

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 proposed project is amending Regulation IX – Standards of Performance for New Stationary Sources (NSPS), to conform with federal requirements. SCAQMD staff has reviewed the proposed project pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15002 (k) – General Concepts, the three-step process for deciding which document to prepare for a project subject to CEQA per CEQA Guidelines §15061 – Review for Exemption, procedures for determining if a project is exempt from CEQA.

Because the SCAQMD is proposing to incorporate federal NSPS requirements by reference into Regulation IX, without exercising discretion with regard to the proposed amendments, the project is considered to be exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15061 (b)(3) – Activities Covered by General Rule. A Notice of Exemption has been prepared pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15062 - Notice of Exemption. If the proposed 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 Sam Wang (c/o Planning, Rule Development and Area Sources) at the above address. Mr. Wang can also be reached at (909) 396-2649. Ms. Tuyet-le Pham is also available at (909) 396-3299 to answer any questions regarding the proposed amendments.

**Date:** August 17, 2016

**Signature:**   
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Barbara Radlein  
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## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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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 Regulation IX – Standards of Performance for New Stationary Sources

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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 purpose of the proposed amendments is to incorporate by reference federal New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) into Regulation IX. The incorporation by reference of NSPS requirements into Regulation IX recognizes the SCAQMD's authority to implement and enforce the federal regulations at the local level.

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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 §15002 (k) - General Concepts (Three Step Process)

CEQA Guidelines §15061 (b)(3) – Activities Covered by General Rule

CEQA Guidelines §15062 - Notice of Exemption

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**Reasons why project is exempt:**

The SCAQMD has reviewed the proposed amendments to Regulation IX pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15002 (k) – General Concepts, the three-step process for deciding which document to prepare for a project subject to CEQA and CEQA Guidelines §15061 – Review for Exemption, procedures for determining if a project is exempt from CEQA. Since the SCAQMD is proposing to incorporate federal NSPS requirements by reference into Regulation IX, 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). 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.

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

SCAQMD Governing Board Hearing: October 7, 2016; SCAQMD Headquarters

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

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

*(Signed Upon Project Approval)*

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