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**Revised Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (Revised MND) and Initial Study
for the Proposed Project Title SA-05-06 and E-05-04**

On June 29, 2005, the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) commented on the original draft mitigated negative declaration document dated April 28, 2005 for the above-mentioned proposed project. That letter is attached and incorporated herein by reference. The lead agency, however, did not certify the April 28, 2005 draft mitigated negative declaration, but instead revised and recirculated it on September 22, 2005.

Upon review of the above Revised MND, SCAQMD notes that the lead agency provided short- and long-term project air quality impact estimates as requested and revised or added some, but not all, of the mitigation measure recommended by the SCAQMD in the June 29, 2005 comment letter. Based on the lead agency's air quality analysis, project short- and long-term air quality impacts are estimated to be less than significant. The lead agency was unresponsive, however, to the SCAQMD request to include information on levels of service and volume to capacity ratio impacts for the affected intersections near the proposed project site or the significance thresholds used by the lead agency to conclude that traffic impacts are less than significant. As stated in the June 29, 2005 comment letter, this information is important relative to air quality because it is used to determine whether or not a CO hotspots analysis should be prepared. The lead agency should include this information in the Final Revised MND.

The SCAQMD staff would be happy to work with the Lead Agency to address these issues and any other questions that may arise. Please contact Gordon Mize, Air Quality Specialist – CEQA Section, at (909) 396-3302, if you have any questions regarding these comments.

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Sincerely,

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