



South Coast Air Quality Management District

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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF EXEMPTION FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

PROJECT TITLE: PROPOSED AMENDED RULE 222- FILING REQUIREMENTS FOR SPECIFIC EMISSION SOURCES NOT REQUIRING A WRITTEN PERMIT PURSUANT TO REGULATION II

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) is the Lead Agency and will prepare a Notice of Exemption for the project identified above.

The SCAQMD has reviewed the proposed project pursuant to the CEQA Guidelines §15002 (k)(1), the first step of a three-step process for deciding which document to prepare for a project subject to CEQA. Facilities affected by the proposed amendments are currently exempt from permitting requirements pursuant to Rule 219 – Equipment Not Requiring a Written Permit Pursuant to Regulation II. The proposed project would add eight new equipment categories to the filing program under Rule 222 that are currently exempt from permit requirements under Rule 219. By definition, equipment categories in Rule 219 have extremely low emissions and are not subject to permit conditions. Therefore, the proposed amendments are considered to be administrative in nature and generate no change in emissions or adversely affect any other environmental categories. As a result, no significant adverse impacts on the environment are expected from the proposed project. Since it can be seen with certainty that the proposed project has no potential to adversely impact air quality or any other environmental area, it is exempt from CEQA pursuant to state CEQA Guidelines §15061(b)(3) – Review for Exemption. The Notice of Exemption will be filed with the county clerks of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino counties immediately following the adoption of the proposed project.

Any questions regarding this Notice of Exemption should be sent to Jeff Inabinet (c/o Planning, Rule Development & Area Sources) at the above address. Mr. Inabinet can also be reached at 909.396.2453. Questions regarding proposed amended Rule 222 should be directed to Mr. Ramon Patel at 909.396.2466.

Date: December 4, 2008

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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: County Clerks of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino	From: South Coast Air Quality Management District 21865 Copley Drive Diamond Bar, CA 91765
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Project Title:

Proposed Amended Rule 222. – Filing Requirements for Specific Emission Sources Not Requiring a Written Permit Pursuant to Regulation II

Project Location:

South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) area of jurisdiction consisting of the four-county South Coast Air Basin (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 and the Mojave Desert Air Basin.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The SCAQMD is proposing to add eight new equipment categories to the filing program in Rule 222 that are currently exempt from written permit requirements pursuant to Rule 219. Rule 222 requires owners/operators of specified emission sources to submit information regarding their stationary source equipment.

Public Agency Approving Project:

South Coast Air Quality Management District

Agency Carrying Out Project:

South Coast Air Quality Management District

Exempt Status:

General Concepts [CEQA Guidelines §15002 (k)(1)]; and
General Rule Exemption [CEQA Guidelines §15061(b)(3)]

Reasons why project is exempt:

Affected facilities are currently exempt from permitting requirements pursuant to Rule 219. The proposed project would add eight new equipment categories to the filing program under Rule 222 that are currently exempt from permit requirements under Rule 219. By definition, equipment categories in Rule 219 have extremely low emissions and are not subject to permit conditions. Therefore, the proposed amendments are considered to be administrative in nature and generate no change in emissions or adversely affect any other environmental categories. As a result, no new adverse impacts on the environment are expected from the proposed project. Since it can be seen with certainty that the proposed project has no potential to adversely impact air quality or any other environmental area, it is exempt from CEQA pursuant to state CEQA Guidelines §15061(b)(3) – Review for Exemption.

Certification Date:

SCAQMD Governing Board Hearing: December 4, 2008, 9:00 a.m.; SCAQMD Headquarters

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Date Received for Filing _____

Signature Signed upon certification _____

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