



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 2701 – SOCAL CLIMATE SOLUTIONS EXCHANGE

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. Proposed Amended Rule 2701 adds a manure management protocol to the SoCal Climate Solutions Exchange. The proposed amended rule would impose local requirements, such as locating equipment greater than ¼-mile from a sensitive receptor, for projects under this protocol that are located in environmental justice areas. Because the SCAQMD is not involved with funding or generating GHG emission reductions through the SoCal Climate Solutions Exchange, the amendments are administrative in nature. The proposed amendment will not cause any change to the physical environment. Therefore, it can be seen with certainty that the proposed project has no potential to adversely impact air quality or any other environmental area and, as a result, 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 Michael Krause (c/o Planning, Rule Development & Area Sources) at the above address. Mr. Krause can also be reached at (909) 396-2706.

Date: February 6, 2009

Signature: Steve Smith

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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

Project Title:

Proposed Amended Rule 2701 – SoCal Climate Solutions Exchange

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:

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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:

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Certification Date:

SCAQMD Governing Board
Hearing:

February 6, 2009, 9:00 a.m.; SCAQMD Headquarters

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