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Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration (Draft MND) for the Proposed Installation, Use and Maintenance of a Wireless Telecommunications Facility Project at 565 North Virgil Avenue in Wilshire (NG-14-310-PL; ENV-2014-2237)

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) staff appreciates the opportunity to comment on the above-mentioned document both as a commenting agency and a responsible agency. The following comments are meant as guidance for the Lead Agency and should be incorporated into the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration.

In the project description, the lead agency proposes to install, operate and maintain a 45foot high wireless telecommunications facility. Included in the project description is a new emergency generator with ground level fuel storage. If the proposed generator is diesel-fueled and is rated greater than 50 brake horsepower (bhp), a permit would be required in accordance with SCAQMD rules including Rule 1470 – Requirements for Stationary Diesel-Fueled Internal Combustion and Other Compression Initial Engines and Rule 1110.2 – Emissions From Gaseous- and Liquid-Fueled Engines. If there are permit questions concerning the generator, they can be directed to Engineering and Compliance Staff at (909) 396-2315.

Please provide the SCAQMD with written responses to all comments contained herein prior to the adoption of the Final MND. The SCAQMD staff is available to work with the Lead Agency to address these issues and any other air quality 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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