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## **Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration (Draft MND) for the Proposed Fire Training Facility at Fire Station #174**

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) staff appreciates the opportunity to comment on the above-mentioned document both as a commenting 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 the construction of a fire training facility which will include a new scrubber to capture emissions from the existing flashover chamber. SCAQMD staff recommends discussing compliance with SCAQMD Rule 444 – Open Burning in the Final MND. Additionally, because the project includes the installation of an air pollution control device (scrubber), the SCAQMD should be identified as a responsible agency. Although the facility may already have permit applications pending for the proposed project, SCAQMD Engineering and Compliance staff should be consulted during the CEQA process to ensure that the facility permit situation is in order. If there are permit questions concerning the scrubber, 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. SCAQMD staff is available to work with the Lead Agency to address these issues and any other air quality questions that may arise. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at [jcheng@aqmd.gov](mailto:jcheng@aqmd.gov) or call me at (909) 396-2448.

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