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## <u>Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration (Draft MND) for the Proposed</u> <u>Master Application 15134</u>

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) staff appreciates the opportunity to comment on the above-mentioned document. The following comments are meant as guidance for the Lead Agency and should be incorporated into the Final MND. The Lead Agency proposes to construct a gasoline fueling station capable of dispensing approximately 3.6 million gallons of fuel annually.

Since the proposed project includes a gasoline service station, a permit from SCAQMD would be required and the SCAQMD should be identified as a responsible agency under CEQA for this project. The Final MND should also demonstrate compliance with SCAQMD Rules, including but not limited to, Rule 201 – Permit to Construct, Rule 203 – Permit to Operate, and Rule 461 – Gasoline Transfer and Dispensing. If there are permitting questions concerning the gasoline service station, they can be directed to Engineering and Permitting Staff at (909) 396-2551.

Furthermore, in the Air Quality Analysis, the Lead Agency utilizes SCAQMD's Screening-Level Health Risk Assessment but does not provide sufficient supporting documentation or calculations. The SCAQMD staff recommends that the Lead Agency clarify or provide their calculations and specify the meteorological monitoring station, downwind distance, and corresponding cancer risk (in one million) in Final MND.

The SCAQMD staff is available to work with the Lead Agency to address these concerns and any other air quality questions that may arise. Please contact Jack Cheng, Air Quality Specialist at (909) 396-2448, if you have any questions regarding these comments. We look forward to reviewing and providing comments for the Final MND associated with this project.

Sincerely

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