



# South Coast Air Quality Management District

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Office of the Secretary for Resources  
Attn: General Counsel's Office  
1416 9th Street, Suite 1311  
Sacramento, CA 95814

To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed please find two copies of the Notice of Decision (NOD) for the Final Environmental Assessment (EA) prepared for proposed amended Rule (PAR) 1173 – Control of Volatile Organic Compound Leaks and Releases from Components at Petroleum Facilities and Chemical Plants. The Final EA for PAR 1173 was prepared pursuant to CEQA and the South Coast Air Quality Management District's (SCAQMD) certified regulatory program. The CEQA document was certified by SCAQMD's Governing Board at its June 1, 2007, Public Hearing. Please record and post the Notice of Decision according to the provisions of CEQA.

SCAQMD Rule 110 requires that written responses to public comments on a SCAQMD CEQA document be filed with the Secretary of Resources along with the Notice of Decision. No comment letters were received on the Draft EA for PAR 1173, therefore, no responses to public comments are enclosed.

Also enclosed is the original signed CEQA Filing Fee No Effect Determination Form from the Department of Fish and Game pursuant to §711.4 of the California Fish and Game Code.

Please confirm receipt of one copy of the NOD and return it to the undersigned. Two return envelopes have been provided for your convenience (one for the confirmed copies upon receipt, and one for the original NOD to be returned after the posting period). If you have any questions, please call me at (909) 396-3054 or Barbara Radlein at (909) 396-2716.

Sincerely,

Steve Smith, Ph.D.  
CEQA Program Supervisor  
Planning, Rule Development and Area Sources

Enclosures

**NOTICE OF DECISION**

**To:** Office of the Secretary for Resources  
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**From:** SCAQMD  
Office of Planning and Policy  
21865 Copley Drive  
Diamond Bar, CA 91765

**Subject:** FILING OF NOTICE OF DECISION IN COMPLIANCE WITH §21080.5 OF THE PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE

**Project Title:** Final Environmental Assessment: Proposed Amended Rule 1173 – Control of Volatile Organic Compound Leaks and Releases from Components at Petroleum Facilities and Chemical Plants

**SCAQMD Number:** 032307BAR

**Date Certified:** June 1, 2007

**Contact Person:** Barbara A. Radlein

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**Project Location:** South Coast Air Quality Management District area of jurisdiction: South Coast Air Basin (all of Orange County and the nondesert portions of Los Angeles, Riverside, and San Bernardino counties), and the Riverside County portions of the Salton Sea Air Basin and Mojave Desert Air Basin

**Project Description:** The objective of PAR 1173 is to reduce volatile organic compound (VOC) emissions from valves, fittings, pumps, compressors, pressure relief devices (PRDs), diaphragms, hatches, sight-glass and meters operated at refineries, chemical plants, lubricating oil and grease re-refiners, marine terminals, oil and gas production fields, natural gas processing plants, and pipeline transfer stations. PAR 1173 is expected to achieve VOC emissions reductions of approximately 800 pounds per day by: 1) requiring lubricating oil and grease re-refiners and marine terminals to implement a leak detection and repair program, recordkeeping and reporting, as well as requiring monitoring and reporting of releases from atmospheric PRDs; 2) requiring enhanced monitoring of atmospheric PRDs at refineries; 3) revising the monitoring, recordkeeping and reporting requirements for atmospheric PRDs; and, 4) clarifying rule language including adding new and revising existing definitions. The environmental analysis in the Final EA concluded that PAR 1173 would not generate any significant adverse environmental impacts.

This is to advise that the South Coast Air Quality Management District has approved the above described project and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project:

1. The project will not have a significant impact on the environment.
2. Mitigation measures were not made a condition of the approval of this project.
3. A mitigation monitoring program under PRC § 21081.6 was not adopted for this project
4. A Statement of Findings was not adopted for this project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was not adopted for this project.

The Final Environmental Assessment, supporting documentation, and record of project approval may be examined at: SCAQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765.

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Date Received for Filing

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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