



South Coast Air Quality Management District

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November 6, 2009

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) 1111 – NOx Emissions from Natural Gas Fired, Fan-type Central Furnaces. The Final EA for PAR 1111 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 November 6, 2009, 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 1111, 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 Jeff Inabinet at (909) 396-2453.

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
Attn: General Counsel's Office
1416 9th Street, Suite 1211
Sacramento, CA 95814

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 (EA) prepared for Proposed Amended Rule (PAR) 1111 – NOx Emissions from Natural Gas Fired, Fan-type Central Furnaces

SCAQMD Number: 090902JI
SCH Number: 2009091100
Contact Person: Jeffrey J. Inabinet

Date Certified: November 6, 2009
Telephone Number: (909) 396-2453

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: PAR 1111 will reduce NOx emissions by requiring natural gas-fired, fan-type central furnaces to meet lower NOx emission limits starting in 2012. Starting October 1, 2012, new mobile home furnaces must meet a NOx emission limit of 40 ng/J heat output. Starting October 1, 2014, a 14 ng/J NOx limit is phased in for new furnaces (based on category of furnace). All new units must meet the 14 ng/J NOx limit by October 1, 2018. The proposed 40 ng/J emission limit for mobile home furnaces is based on the current technology for other residential furnaces. The proposed 14 ng/J emission limit is based on low-NOx burner technology used in other residential applications. The proposed amended rule will not change the current natural gas-fired furnace distribution system and will not change the replacement schedule of existing furnaces. The proposed amended rule is estimated to reduce annual average emissions of NOx by less than 0.1 ton per day by 2014 and 3.1 tons per day by 2023. The environmental analysis in the Draft EA concluded that PAR 1111 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.

Date Received for Filing

Signature: _____

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