



# South Coast Air Quality Management District

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March 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 Rule (PR) 1143 – Consumer Paint Thinners and Multi-Purpose Solvents. The Final EA for PR 1143 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 March 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. Four comment letters were received on the Draft EA for PR 1143. The comment letters and responses to the public comments can be found in Appendix B of the enclosed Final EA for PR 1143.

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 (EA) prepared for proposed Rule (PR) 1143 – Consumer Paint Thinners and Multi-Purpose Solvents

**SCAQMD Number:** 111120088BAR

**Date Certified:** March 6, 2009

**SCH Number:** 2008111052

**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 PR 1143 is to implement Control Measure CTS-04 in the 2007 Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP) by reducing emissions of volatile organic compounds (VOC) from the use of consumer product paint thinners and multi-purpose solvents that are typically sold through retail outlets or through any persons acquiring a consumer product for resale of these materials within SCAQMD's jurisdiction. PR 1143 would: 1) effective January 1, 2010, establish an interim material VOC limit of 300 grams per liter for all consumer paint thinners and multi-purpose solvents; 2) effective January 1, 2011, establish a material VOC limit of 25 grams per liter for all consumer paint thinners and multi-purpose solvents; 3) provide a sell-through period of one year for products manufactured prior to the effective date; 4) require manufacturers to provide a list of distributors and to submit annual quantity emission reports; 5) prohibit the sale of non-compliant products; 6) exempt solvents used to clean-up equipment provided they are labeled and designated for polyaspartic and polyurea coatings, and thinners labeled and designated for the thinning of specific industrial maintenance coatings; and, 7) prohibit consumer paint thinners and multi-purpose solvents that contain an excess of 0.1 percent of Group II exempt compounds as listed in SCAQMD Rule 102 except cyclic, branched, or linear, completely methylated siloxanes. PR 1143 is estimated to reduce VOC emissions by 9.75 tons per day, with 5.94 tons per day by January 1, 2010 and then by an additional 3.81 tons per day for the final limit, effective January 1, 2011. The environmental analysis in the Final EA concluded that PR 1143 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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