

June 3, 2011

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 CEQA document prepared for Proposed Amended Rule (PAR) 1113 – Architectural Coatings. The Final Environmental Assessment (EA) for PAR 1113 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 3, 2011 Public Hearing. Please record and post the NOD 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. Two comment letters were received after the public comment period. The comment letters and response to comments are included in Appendix C of the Final EA. A copy of the Final EA is enclosed with this letter.

It was determined that the proposed project qualifies for the “no effect” fee exemption in accordance with recently revised Department of Fish and Game Code §711.4, Title 14, California Code of Regulations (CCR) and, therefore, a copy of the signed Fish and Game “no effect” fee exemption form is attached to prove compliance and ensure immediate posting of the NOD.

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 copy 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 James Koizumi at (909) 396-3234.

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
General Counsel's Office
1416 9th Street, Suite 1311
Sacramento, CA 95814

From: SCAQMD
Planning, Rules and Area Sources
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: Proposed Amended Rule (PAR) 1113 – Architectural Coatings

Lead Agency: South Coast Air Quality Management District

SCAQMD Number: 110408JK
SCH No.: 2003011053

Date Certified: June 3, 2011

Contact Person: James Koizumi

Telephone Number: (909) 396-3234

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 2007 Air Quality Management Plan, specifically Control Measure CM#2007 MCS-07 – Application of All Feasible Measures, explicitly lists coating and solvent rules to achieve additional VOC reductions. PAR1113 would partially implement CM#2007 MCS-07. PAR 1113 would reduce volatile organic compound (VOC) emissions from architectural coatings by establishing new coating categories with VOC content limits, reducing the VOC content limits of architectural coatings categories where feasible, and limiting the VOC content of colorants used to tint coatings at point of sale. The averaging compliance option would be limited and eventually phased out by the year 2015. The small container exemption would be clarified to be limited to VOC content limits and an anti-bundling requirement would be added.

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 not were 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. Findings were not adopted for this project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was not adopted for this project.

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

Date Received for Filing

Signature: _____
Steve Smith, Ph.D.
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