



South Coast Air Quality Management District

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NOTICE OF DECISION

To: Office of the Secretary of the
California Natural Resources Agency
General Counsel's Office
1416 9th Street, Suite 1311
Sacramento, CA 95814

From: South Coast Air Quality Management District
Planning, Rule Development
and Area Sources
21865 Copley Drive
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Subject: Filing of Notice of Decision in compliance with Public Resources Code Section 21080.5(d)(2)(E), CEQA Guidelines Section 15252(b), and South Coast AQMD Rule 110(f)

Project Title: Final Environmental Assessment (EA) for Proposed Rule 1179.1 – Emission Reductions from Combustion Equipment at Publicly Owned Treatment Works Facilities

Lead Agency: South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD)

SCH Number: 2020080171

Date Certified: October 2, 2020

South Coast AQMD Number: 08122020KR

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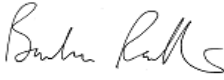
Project Location: Rule 1179.1 applies to certain combustion equipment (e.g., boilers, steam generators, process heaters, turbines, and engines) operated at Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW) facilities located within the South Coast AQMD jurisdiction which covers an area of approximately 10,743 square miles, consisting of the four county South Coast Air Basin (all of Orange County and the non-desert portions of Los Angeles, Riverside and San Bernardino counties) as defined in the California Code of Regulations, Title 17, Section 60104, and the non Palo Verde, Riverside County portion of the Mojave Desert Air Basin.

Project Description: The adoption of Rule 1179.1 established Best Available Retrofit Control Technology (BARCT) requirements for combustion equipment operated at Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW) facilities to reduce emissions of: 1) oxides of nitrogen (NO_x) and carbon monoxide (CO) from boilers, steam generators and process heaters rated greater than 400,000 British thermal units (Btu) per hour fueled by digester gas or a digester gas blend; 2) NO_x and CO from turbines rated less than 0.3 megawatt (MW) fueled by digester gas or a digester gas blend; 3) NO_x and CO from turbines rated at greater than or equal to 0.3 MW fueled by natural gas, digester gas, or a digester gas blend; and 4) NO_x, CO and VOC from engines rated at greater than 50 brake horsepower (bhp) fueled by digester gas or a digester gas blend. In addition, Rule 1179.1 established requirements for POTWs to conduct source tests and monitoring, keep records, and prepare reports. Rule 1179.1 is estimated to reduce up to 0.05 ton per day of NO_x emissions.

This is to advise that the South Coast AQMD has certified the Final EA and approved the above described project, and has made the following determinations:

1. The requirements for a Negative Declaration have been triggered pursuant to South Coast AQMD’s Certified Regulatory Program (Public Resources Code Section 21080.5 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15251(l); codified in South Coast AQMD Rule 110) and CEQA Guidelines Section 15070, and that a Final EA, a substitute document allowed pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15252 and South Coast AQMD’s certified regulatory program, was prepared.
2. The Final EA concluded that the project will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment.
3. Because the Final EA concluded that the project will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment, mitigation measures were not made a condition of the approval of this project. Thus, a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan, pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21081.6 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15097, was not required or adopted for this project.
4. Because the Final EA concluded that the project will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment, findings pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15091 and a Statement of Overriding Considerations pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15093 were also not required or adopted for this project.

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

<p>_____</p> <p>Date Received for Filing</p>	<p>Signature:</p>	<p></p> <p>_____ Barbara Radlein Program Supervisor, CEQA Planning, Rule Development and Area Sources</p>
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