

NOTICE OF DECISION

To: Office of the Secretary for Resources
Attn: General Counsel's Office
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From: SCAQMD
Office of Planning and Rules
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 Program Environmental Assessment for Proposed Amended Regulation XX – Regional Clean Air Incentives Market (RECLAIM)

SCH Number: 2014121018

SCAQMD Number: 12052014BAR

Date Certified: December 4, 2015

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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: To comply with the requirements in Health and Safety Code §§40440 and 39616 by conducting a Best Available Retrofit Control Technology (BARCT) assessment, SCAQMD staff is proposing amendments to the following rules which are part of Regulation XX: Rule 2002 – Allocations for Oxides of Nitrogen (NOx) and Oxides of Sulfur (SOx); Rule 2005 – New Source Review For RECLAIM; Attachment C from Rule 2011 Appendix A – Protocol for Monitoring, Reporting, and Recordkeeping Oxides of Sulfur (SOx) Emissions; and, Attachment C from Rule 2012 Appendix A – Protocol for Monitoring, Reporting, and Recordkeeping Oxides of Nitrogen (NOx) Emissions. The proposed amendments to Regulation XX would reduce emissions from equipment and processes operated at NOx RECLAIM facilities located throughout the entire SCAQMD jurisdiction. In particular, the environment could be impacted from the proposed project due to facilities installing new, or modifying existing control equipment for the following types of equipment/source categories in the NOx RECLAIM program: 1) fluid catalytic cracking units; 2) refinery boilers and heaters; 3) refinery gas turbines; 4) sulfur recovery units – tail gas treatment units; 5) non-refinery/non-power plant gas turbines; 6) non-refinery sodium silicate furnaces; 7) non-refinery/non-power plant internal combustion engines; 8) container glass melting furnaces; 9) coke calcining; and, 10) metal heat treating furnaces. For clarity and consistency throughout the regulation, other minor revisions are also proposed. The Initial Study identified the following environmental topics as areas that may be adversely affected by the proposed project: aesthetics; air quality and greenhouse gas emissions; energy; hazards and hazardous materials; hydrology and water quality; solid and hazardous waste; and, transportation and traffic. Further analysis of these environmental areas in the Final Program Environmental Assessment (PEA) has shown that only the topics of air quality and GHGs, hydrology (water demand), and, hazards and hazardous materials (due to ammonia transportation) exceed the SCAQMD's significance thresholds associated with implementing the proposed project.


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. A Final Program Environmental Assessment (PEA) was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
2. The Final PEA concluded that this project would have significant unavoidable adverse impacts on the environment.
3. Mitigation measures were made a condition of the approval of this project.
4. A mitigation monitoring program, prepared pursuant to Public Resource Code §21081.6 and CEQA Guidelines §15097, was adopted for this project.
5. Findings were made pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15091.
6. A Statement of Overriding Considerations pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15093 was adopted for this project.

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

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