

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

To: County Clerk, Harnell Harper
County of Los Angeles
12400 E. Imperial Highway, Room 2001
Norwalk, CA 90650

From: South Coast Air Quality Management District
21865 Copley Drive
Diamond Bar, CA 91765

SUBJECT: FILING OF NOTICE OF DETERMINATION IN COMPLIANCE WITH §§21108 AND 21152 OF THE PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE AND §15094 OF THE CEQA GUIDELINES

Project Title: Addendum to the Final EIR for the BP Carson Refinery Safety, Compliance and Optimization Project

SCH Number: 2005111057

Date Certified: January 11, 2008

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Project Location: 1801 East Sepulveda Boulevard, Carson, CA 90749

Project Description: BP operators are proposing additional changes to their project previously evaluated and certified in the September 2006 Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) prepared for the BP Carson Refinery Safety, Compliance, and Optimization Project. The previously evaluated project included the following: (1) modifications related to enhancing safety at the BP Carson Refinery included modifications to the Coker Gas Debutanizer pressure relief valve, as well as adding equipment to the Fluid Catalytic Cracking Unit (FCCU), Fluid Feed Hydrodesulfurization (FFHDS), vapor recovery system, and flare system; (2) the portion of the proposed project related to compliance involved physical modifications to existing refinery units including the FCCU, FFHDS, vapor recovery system, and flare system to comply with multiple South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) rules (e.g., Rule 1105.1, Rule 1118, and Rule 1173) and to implement the terms of a settlement agreement between the SCAQMD and BP; and (3) other refinery modifications to optimize operations related to various existing refinery units including the FFHDS, the FCCU, the Alky Merox Unit, the Alkylation Unit, the Hydrocracker Unit, and the Sulfur Plant at the Refinery. Subsequent to the certification of the September 2006 Final EIR, BP operators are proposing not to make the modifications originally proposed to the Alky Merox Unit and the Alkylation Unit. Further, due to lack of commercial availability of emulsified diesel fuel for construction equipment, BP operators are proposing to remove Mitigation Measure AQ-8 from the Mitigation Monitoring Plan to the September 2006 Final EIR. The currently proposed project, as evaluated in the Addendum to the September 2006 Final EIR, does not create any new significant adverse environmental impacts outside of the scope of the analyses already contained in the previously certified September 2006 Final EIR.

This is to advise that the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) as the Lead Agency for the above described project has made the following determinations regarding the above described project:

1. The proposed modifications to the original project described and certified in the September 2006 Final EIR will result in no new significant adverse effects or substantially increase the severity of significant effects previously identified. Thus, the current proposed project modifications meet all the conditions for an Addendum.
2. An Addendum to the September 2006 Final EIR was prepared for this project by the SCAQMD pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. The mitigation measures that were made a condition of approval of the original project analyzed in the September 2006 Final EIR will remain in effect, except for Mitigation Measure AQ-8, which will be removed. No new or modified mitigation measures were made a condition of the approval of this project.
4. A Statement of Findings and a Statement of Overriding Considerations were made a condition of approval of the original project analyzed in the September 2006 Final EIR. No changes to these Statements are required as a result of the proposed project modifications evaluated in the Addendum to the September 2006 Final EIR.

The Addendum, supporting documentation, and record of project approval may be examined at SCAQMD Headquarters located at 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765.

Date Received for Filing

Signature: _____
Barry R. Wallerstein, D. Env.
Executive Officer