



**South Coast
Air Quality Management District**

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May 2, 2008

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) 1149 – Storage Tank and Pipeline Cleaning and Degassing. The Final Environmental Assessment (EA) for PAR 1149 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 May 2, 2008 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. One comment letter was received from the public. The comment letter is included with a response to comment in Appendix C of the Final EA for PAR 1149.

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

To: Office of the Secretary for Resources
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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: Final Environmental Assessment: Proposed Amended Rule (PAR) 1149 – Storage Tank
and Pipeline Cleaning and Degassing

Lead Agency: South Coast Air Quality Management District

SCAQMD Number: 080304 JK
SCH No.: 2008031034

Date Certified: May 2, 2008

Contact Person: James Koizumi

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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: PAR 1149 would extend the applicability of the rule to small above ground
organic liquid storage tanks, pipelines, and large storage tanks previously exempted because of lower
vapor pressure products. The current rule requires vapors contained in storage tanks to be vented to a
control device for a pre-determined length of time or to be displaced by a liquid into a control device.
PAR 1149 would instead require a vapor concentration of 5,000 ppmv, measured as methane, before
vapors are vented to atmosphere. PAR 1149 would streamline the notification process and clarify
requirements for vacuum trucks and containers used for storing liquid and sludge removed during the
cleaning process.

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: _____

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