



South Coast Air Quality Management District

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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 Final Environmental Assessment (EA) prepared for proposed amended Rule (PAR) 1469 – Hexavalent Chromium Emissions From Chromium Electroplating and Chromic Acid Anodizing Operations. The Final EA for PAR 1469 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 December 5, 2008, Public Hearing. Please record and post the Notice of Decision 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 on the Draft EA for PAR 1469. The comment letter and responses to the public comments can be found in Appendix C of the enclosed Final EA for PAR 1469.

Also enclosed is the original signed CEQA Filing Fee No Effect Determination Form from the Department of Fish and Game pursuant to §711.4 of the California Fish and Game Code.

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 copies 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 Barbara Radlein at (909) 396-2716.

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
Attn: General Counsel's Office
1416 9th Street, Suite 1211
Sacramento, CA 95814

From: SCAQMD
Office of Planning and Policy
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 (EA) prepared for proposed amended Rule (PAR) 1469 – Hexavalent Chromium Emissions From Chromium Electroplating and Chromic Acid Anodizing Operations

SCAQMD Number: 1008008BAR

Date Certified: December 5, 2008

SCH Number: 2008101043

Contact Person: Barbara A. Radlein

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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: The objective of PAR 1469 is to further reduce the quantity of hexavalent chromium emissions and the associated cancer risk from the metal finishing industry by incorporating the latest amendments to the Airborne Toxic Control Measure (ATCM) for Chromium Plating and Chromic Acid Anodizing Operations, as adopted by the California Air Resources Board (CARB) on October 24, 2007. For example, facility operators will be required to comply with a hexavalent chromium emission rate of 0.0015 milligram per ampere-hour (mg/amp-hr) for modified facilities and 0.0011 mg/amp-hr for new facilities. In addition, PAR 1469 would prohibit siting and constructing new facilities within 1,000 feet of sensitive receptors, schools (proposed and existing), and areas zoned for residences and mixed uses. Other changes are proposed that include: 1) a broader definition of sensitive receptor; 2) more stringent surface tension requirements for certifying fume suppressants; 3) more stringent housekeeping practices; and, 4) a prohibition of sale, supply, or manufacture of chromium electroplating or chromic acid anodizing kits to unpermitted facilities. Other minor changes are proposed for clarity and consistency throughout the rule. PAR 1469 is estimated to reduce hexavalent chromium emissions by 40 percent, resulting in a reduction of cancer risk for most chrome plating facilities to less than 25 in one million. The environmental analysis in the Final EA concluded that PAR 1469 would not generate any significant adverse environmental impacts.

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

The Final Environmental Assessment, 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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