

May 3, 2013

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 Rule 1114 – Petroleum Refinery Coking Operations. The Final EA was prepared for the proposed project 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 3, 2013, 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. Two comment letters were received on the Draft EA for the proposed project. These comment letters and responses to the comments can be found in Appendix D of the enclosed Final EA for the proposed project.

Also enclosed is the 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) 396-2706.

Sincerely,

Michael Krause  
Program Supervisor, CEQA Section  
Planning, Rule Development and Area Sources

Enclosures

## NOTICE OF DECISION

**To:** Office of the Secretary for Resources  
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Sacramento, CA 95814

**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 Environmental Assessment (EA) for Rule 1114 – Petroleum Refinery Coking Operations

**Project Proponent's Name:** South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD)

**SCAQMD Number:** 02262013BAR

**Date Certified:** May 3, 2013

**SCH Number:** 2013021066

**Contact Person:** Barbara Radlein

**Telephone Number:** (909) 396-2716

**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:** SCAQMD staff is proposing to adopt Rule 1114 – Petroleum Refinery Coking Operations, to reduce emissions of volatile organic compounds (VOC), particulate matter (PM), hazardous air pollutants (HAP), sulfur compounds, and methane from coke drum atmospheric venting of delayed coking units at petroleum refineries (NAICS 324110). Proposed Rule (PR) 1114 would: 1) establish a limit of less than two pounds per square inch, gauge pressure (psig) for when a coke drum may be depressurized to atmosphere; 2) allow for an alternative compliance schedule for facilities not able to meet the compliance timeline under limited circumstances; 3) require facility operators to submit permit applications for equipment or process modifications no later than 18 months prior to the final compliance date; 4) require monitoring of the coke drum internal pressure and atmospheric vent valve, and recordkeeping; 5) exempt coke drums from the requirements in SCAQMD Rule 404 upon meeting the final depressurization limit. PR 1114 is anticipated to reduce VOC emissions by up to 0.36 ton per day, PM emissions by up to 0.05 ton per day, HAP emissions by up to 0.07 ton per day, and methane emissions by up to 1.51 tons per day. PR 1114 is also anticipated to reduce sulfur as hydrogen sulfide (H<sub>2</sub>S) by up to 0.05 ton per day. The environmental analysis in the Final EA concluded that PR 1114 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 EA, supporting documentation, and record of project approval may be examined at: SCAQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765.

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Date Received for Filing

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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