



# South Coast Air Quality Management District

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Office of the Secretary of Resources  
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November 3, 2017

To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed please find two copies of the Notice of Decision (NOD) for the Final Environmental Assessment (EA) for Proposed Rule 415 – Odors from Rendering Facilities. The Final EA 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 November 3, 2017 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 NOD. Three comment letters on the Draft EA were received during the public comment period beginning on July 14, 2015 and ending on August 12, 2015. The comment letter and responses to comments can be found in Appendix D of the Final EA. The Governing Board package, which includes a copy of the Final EA, appendices to the Final EA, and errata, is provided on a cd-rom that is enclosed with this letter. The Final EA is identified as Attachment H in the Governing Board package.

In addition, the Department of Fish and Wildlife has determined that implementation of Rule 415 would have no effect on fish, wildlife or their habitat, and as a result, no CEQA filing fee is required. Enclosed is the signed CEQA Filing Fee No Effect Determination Form from the Department of Fish and Wildlife pursuant to Section 711.4 of the California Fish and Game Code 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) 396-3308.

Sincerely,

*Lijin Sun*

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Enclosures

## NOTICE OF DECISION

**To:** Office of the Secretary for Resources  
General Counsel's Office  
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**From:** SCAQMD  
Planning, Rule Development & Area Sources  
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**Subject:** Filing of Notice of Decision in compliance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15252(b) and SCAQMD Rule 110(f)

**Project Title:** Final Environmental Assessment (EA) for Proposed Rule 415 - Odors from Rendering Facilities

**Lead Agency:** South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD)

**SCH Number:** 2015071030

**Date Certified:** November 3, 2017

**SCAQMD Number:** 150527JI

**Contact Person:** Lijin Sun

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**Project Location:** Rule 415 will affect facilities located within the SCAQMD's boundary. The SCAQMD has jurisdiction over all of Orange County, the urban portions of Los Angeles and San Bernardino counties southwest of the San Bernardino and San Gabriel mountains, and nearly all of Riverside County, with the exception of communities near the state border.

**Project Description:** The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) is developing a rule to reduce odors from facilities conducting rendering operations. Rule 415 is the result of an issue that was identified by the working group for the Clean Communities Plan (CCP) in the pilot study area of Boyle Heights. The prevalence of odors from rendering facilities in Vernon, directly south of Boyle Heights, was of great concern to the working group. Rule 415 will require existing rendering facilities to enclose certain rendering operations, install odor emission control equipment for the enclosures or use alternative standards for a permanent total enclosure for raw material receiving area, and carry out best management practices (BMPs). The environmental analysis in the Final EA concluded that implementation of Rule 415 would not generate any significant adverse environmental impacts.

This is to advise that the SCAQMD has prepared and certified the Final EA pursuant to the provisions of CEQA and approved the above-described project, and has made the following determinations:

1. The Final EA was prepared and certified pursuant to the SCAQMD's Certified Regulatory Program in CEQA Guidelines Section 15251(l) and SCAQMD Rule 110.
2. The Final EA concluded that the project will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment.
3. Because the Final EA concluded that the project will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment, mitigation measures were not made a condition of the approval of this project. Thus, a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan, pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21081.6 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15097, was not required or adopted for this project.
4. Findings pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15091 and a Statement of Overriding Considerations pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15093 were also not required or 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.

Signature: *Lijin Sun*

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Date Received for Filing

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