



South Coast Air Quality Management District

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**SUBJECT: EXTENDED COMMENT PERIOD FOR NOTICE OF COMPLETION
OF A DRAFT PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

**PROJECT TITLE: PROPOSED AMENDED REGULATION XX - REGIONAL CLEAN
AIR INCENTIVES MARKET (RECLAIM)**

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) is the Lead Agency and has prepared a Draft Program Environmental Assessment (PEA) to analyze environmental impacts from the project identified above pursuant to its certified regulatory program (SCAQMD Rule 110). The purpose of this notice is to extend the public comment period to solicit comments on the Draft PEA. The original comment period was from August 14, 2015 to September 29, 2015 (46 days). **This comment period is extended to October 6, 2015.** No other revisions have been made to the Draft PEA, and no additional extensions are anticipated.

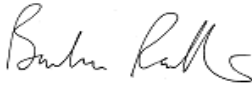
This letter and the attached Notice of Completion (NOC) for the Draft PEA are not SCAQMD applications or forms requiring a response from you. Their purpose is simply to provide information to you on the above project. If the proposed project has no bearing on you or your organization, no action on your part is necessary.

If you wish to receive the Draft PEA for the proposed project, please call the SCAQMD's Public Information Center at (909) 396-2039. The Draft PEA can also be downloaded by accessing the SCAQMD's website at: <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/library/documents-support-material/lead-agency-scaqmd-projects/scaqmd-projects---year-2015>.

Comments relative to the Draft PEA focusing on your area of expertise, your agency's area of jurisdiction, if applicable, or issues relative to the environmental analysis should be addressed to Ms. Barbara Radlein (c/o CEQA) at the address shown above, or sent by fax to (909) 396-3324 or by email to bradlein@aqmd.gov. Comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 6, 2015. Please include the name and phone number of the contact person. Questions relative to the proposed amended regulation for the refinery sector should be directed to Mr. Gary Quinn at (909) 396-3121 or by email to gquinn@aqmd.gov. Questions relative to the proposed amended regulation for the non-refinery sector should be directed to Mr. Kevin Orellana at (909) 396-3492 or by email to korellana@aqmd.gov.

The Public Hearing for the proposed amended regulation is scheduled for November 6, 2015. (Note: Public meeting dates are subject to change).

Date: September 23, 2015

Signature: 

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**EXTENDED COMMENT PERIOD FOR NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF A
DRAFT PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

Project Title:

Draft Program Environmental Assessment for Proposed Amended Regulation XX – Regional Clean Air Incentives Market (RECLAIM)

Project Location: The proposed project may affect NOx RECLAIM facilities located throughout the South Coast Air Quality Management District’s (SCAQMD) jurisdiction, which covers 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.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: To comply with the requirements in Health and Safety Code §§40440 and 39616 by conducting a Best Available Retrofit Control Technology (BARCT) assessment, SCAQMD staff is proposing amendments to the following rules which are part of Regulation XX: Rule 2002 – Allocations for Oxides of Nitrogen (NOx) and Oxides of Sulfur (SOx); Rule 2005 – New Source Review For RECLAIM; Attachment C from Rule 2011 Appendix A – Protocol for Monitoring, Reporting, and Recordkeeping Oxides of Sulfur (SOx) Emissions; and, Attachment C from Rule 2012 Appendix A – Protocol for Monitoring, Reporting, and Recordkeeping Oxides of Nitrogen (NOx) Emissions. The proposed amendments to Regulation XX would reduce emissions from equipment and processes operated at NOx RECLAIM facilities located throughout the entire SCAQMD jurisdiction. In particular, the environment could be impacted from the proposed project due to facilities installing new, or modifying existing control equipment for the following types of equipment/source categories in the NOx RECLAIM program: 1) fluid catalytic cracking units; 2) refinery boilers and heaters; 3) refinery gas turbines; 4) sulfur recovery units – tail gas treatment units; 5) non-refinery/non-power plant gas turbines; 6) non-refinery sodium silicate furnaces; 7) non-refinery/non-power plant internal combustion engines; 8) container glass melting furnaces; 9) coke calcining; and, 10) metal heat treating furnaces. For clarity and consistency throughout the regulation, other minor revisions are also proposed. The Initial Study identified the following environmental topics as areas that may be adversely affected by the proposed project: aesthetics; air quality and greenhouse gas emissions; energy; hazards and hazardous materials; hydrology and water quality; solid and hazardous waste; and, transportation and traffic. Further analysis of these environmental areas in the Draft Program Environmental Assessment (PEA) has shown that only the topics of air quality and GHGs, hydrology (water demand), and, hazards and hazardous materials (due to ammonia transportation) exceed the SCAQMD’s significance thresholds associated with implementing the proposed project.

Lead Agency:

South Coast Air Quality Management District

Division:

Planning, Rule Development and Area Sources

Draft PEA and all supporting documentation are available at:

SCAQMD Headquarters
21865 Copley Drive
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or by calling:

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The Draft PEA can also be obtained by accessing the SCAQMD’s website at:

<http://www.aqmd.gov/home/library/documents-support-material/lead-agency-scaqmd-projects/scaqmd-projects---year-2015>

The Notice of Completion Extended Review Period is provided to the public through the following:

Los Angeles Times

SCAQMD Public Information Center

SCAQMD Mailing List & Interested Parties

SCAQMD Website

Draft PEA Extended Review Period (53-days): August 14, 2015 extended to October 6, 2015 (previously scheduled to end September 29, 2015)

Scheduled Public Meeting Date(s) (subject to change):

SCAQMD Governing Board Hearing: November 6, 2015, 9:00 a.m.; SCAQMD Headquarters

The proposed project may have statewide, regional or areawide significance, therefore, a scoping meeting was required (pursuant to Public Resources Code §21083.9 (a)(2)) and held at SCAQMD Headquarters on January 8, 2015.

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