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ATTACHMENT F

SUBJECT: **NOTICE OF EXEMPTION FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT**

PROJECT TITLE: **PROPOSED RULE 223 – EMISSION REDUCTION PERMITS FOR LARGE CONFINED ANIMAL FACILITIES**

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) is the Lead Agency and will prepare a Notice of Exemption for the project identified above.

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the SCAQMD is the Lead Agency and has reviewed the proposed project mentioned above pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15002 (k)(1). Since it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the project is exempt from the requirements of CEQA pursuant to state CEQA Guidelines §15061(b)(3). A Notice of Exemption has been prepared pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15062 - Notice of Exemption. The Notice of Exemption will be filed with the county clerks of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino counties immediately following the adoption of the proposed project.

Any questions regarding this Notice of Exemption should be sent to Michael Krause (c/o Planning, Rule Development & Area Sources) at the above address. Mr. Krause can also be reached at (909) 396-2706.

Date: May 4, 2006 **Signature:** Steve Smith

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Reference: California Code of Regulations, Title 14

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To:	County Clerks Riverside, Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino	**From:**	South Coast Air Quality Management District 21865 Copley Drive Diamond Bar, CA 91765

Project Title:

Proposed Rule 223 – Emission Reduction Permits for Large Confined Animal Facilities

Project Location:

South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) area of jurisdiction consisting of the four-county South Coast Air Basin (Orange County and the non-desert portions of Los Angeles, Riverside and San Bernardino counties), and the Riverside County portions of the Salton Sea Air Basin and the Mojave Desert Air Basin.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The purpose of proposed Rule 223 (PR) is to ensure that all large confined animal facilities (LCAFs) reduce emissions of air contaminants from their facilities to the extent feasible. PR 223 requires all LCAFs to apply for an SCAQMD permit that includes an inventory of all emission sources and a mitigation plan that demonstrates the facility will use best available retrofit control technology to reduce emissions of pollutants that contribute to non-attainment of any ambient air quality standard. Facilities are also required to submit an annual update of the inventory and keep records of the number of animals at the facility. PR 223 also requires the draft permit to be available for a 30-day public review period prior to issuing the permit.

Public Agency Approving Project:	**Agency Carrying Out Project:**
South Coast Air Quality Management District	South Coast Air Quality Management District

Exempt Status:

General Concepts [CEQA Guidelines §15002 (k)(1)]; and
General Rule Exemption [CEQA Guidelines §15061 (b)(3)];

Reasons why project is exempt:

The SCAQMD has reviewed the proposed project pursuant to state CEQA Guidelines §15002(k)(1). Because the proposed project will not require major modifications at existing facilities to comply and no daily operational emission increases are anticipated, it can been seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the proposed project in question has the potential to have a significant adverse effect on the environment. Thus, the proposed project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15061(b)(3) - Review for Exemption.

Certification Date:

SCAQMD Governing Board Hearing: June 2, 2006, 9:00 a.m.; SCAQMD Headquarters

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Date Received for Filing_____ Signature *Signed upon certification*

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