



South Coast Air Quality Management District

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

**PROJECT TITLE: PROPOSED RULE 1315 – NEW SOURCE REVIEW
TRACKING SYSTEM**

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) believes that Proposed Rule (PR) 1315 is not a “project” under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it has no reasonably foreseeable impact on the environment. However, SCAQMD also believes that if PR 1315 is determined to be a “project” under CEQA, it is exempt. Pursuant to the CEQA Guidelines, the SCAQMD is the Lead Agency and will prepare a Notice of Exemption for Rule 1315.

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the SCAQMD is the Lead Agency and has reviewed the PR 1315 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 rule is exempt from the requirements of CEQA pursuant to state CEQA Guidelines §15061(b)(3) – Review for Exemption. PR 1315 is an administrative rule which does not adversely impact the environment. 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: August 30, 2006

Signature: Steve Smith

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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
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Project Title:

Proposed Rule 1315 – New Source Review Tracking System

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 SCAQMD believes that Proposed Rule (PR) 1315 is not a “project” under CEQA but if PR 1315 is determined to be a “project” under CEQA, it is exempt. The purpose of this rule is to specify procedures to be followed by the Executive Officer to make annual demonstrations of equivalency to verify that specific provisions in the District’s New Source Review (NSR) program related to sources that are either exempt from offsets or which obtain their offsets from the District’s offset accounts meet in aggregate the federal nonattainment NSR offset requirements.

Public Agency Approving Project:

South Coast Air Quality Management District

Agency Carrying Out Project:

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 activity and believes it is not a “project” under CEQA, but if it is determined to be a “project,” has reviewed the activity pursuant to state CEQA Guidelines §15002(k)(1). Because the proposed project specifies New Source Review reporting procedures and, therefore, is administrative in nature, it can be 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: September 8, 2006, 9:00 a.m.; SCAQMD Headquarters

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Date Received for Filing _____

Signature _____
Signed upon certification
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