



South Coast Air Quality Management District



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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

PROJECT TITLE: PROPOSED AMENDED RULE 1407 – CONTROL OF EMISSIONS OF ARSENIC, CADMIUM, AND NICKEL FROM NON-CHROMIUM METAL MELTING OPERATIONS

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) is the Lead Agency and has prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) to analyze environmental impacts from the project identified above pursuant to its certified regulatory program (Public Resources Code Section 21080.5 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15251(l), and South Coast AQMD Rule 110). The Draft EA includes a project description and analysis of potential adverse environmental impacts that could be generated from the proposed project. The purpose of this letter, the attached Notice of Completion (NOC), and the Draft EA, is to allow public agencies and the public the opportunity to review and comment on the environmental analysis.

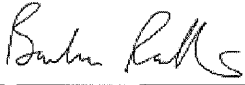
This letter and the attached NOC for the Draft EA are not South Coast AQMD applications or forms requiring a response from you. Their purpose is simply to provide information to you on the above project. If the proposed project has no bearing on you or your organization, no action on your part is necessary. The Draft EA and other relevant documents may be obtained by calling the South Coast AQMD Public Information Center at (909) 396-2039 or accessing the South Coast AQMD's CEQA website at:

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

Comments focusing on your area of expertise, your agency's area of jurisdiction, if applicable, or issues relative to the environmental analysis for the proposed project will be accepted during a 32-day public review and comment period beginning Friday, June 28, 2019 and ending at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 30, 2019. **Please send any comments relative to the CEQA analysis in the Draft EA to Mr. Luke Eisenhardt (c/o CEQA) at the address shown above.** Comments can also be sent via facsimile to (909) 396-3982 or email to leisenhardt@aqmd.gov. Please include the name and phone number of the contact person for your organization. Questions regarding the proposed amended rule language should be directed to Mr. Michael Morris at (909) 396-3282 or by email to mmorris@aqmd.gov.

The Public Hearing for the proposed amended rule is scheduled for September 6, 2019. (Note: Public meeting dates are subject to change).

Date: June 27, 2019

Signature: 
Barbara Radlein
Program Supervisor, CEQA
Planning, Rules, and Area Sources

SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
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**NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND
OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

Project Title:

Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for Proposed Amended Rule (PAR) 1407 – Control of Emissions of Arsenic, Cadmium, and Nickel from Non-Chromium Metal Melting Operations

Project Location: The proposed project may affect facilities located throughout the South Coast Air Quality Management District's (South Coast AQMD) 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: Proposed amendments to Rule 1407 would apply to metal melting operations such as smelting, tinning, galvanizing, and other miscellaneous processes where non-chromium, instead of non-ferrous, metals such as aluminum, brass, bronze, carbon steel, and zinc are processed in molten form. PAR 1407 revises emission standards, establishes monitoring provisions for air pollution control equipment, adds building enclosure provisions to limit fugitive emissions, and updates housekeeping, source testing, and monitoring, recordkeeping, and reporting requirements. The Draft EA indicated that while the project may further reduce fugitive emissions of arsenic, cadmium and nickel, complying with PAR 1407 may also create secondary adverse environmental impacts that would not result in significant adverse impacts to any environmental topic areas. Some facilities affected by PAR 1407 may be identified on lists compiled by the California Department of Toxic Substances Control per Government Code Section 65962.5.

Lead Agency:

South Coast Air Quality Management District

Division:

Planning, Rule Development and Area Sources

Draft EA and all supporting documentation are available at:
South Coast AQMD Headquarters
21865 Copley Drive
Diamond Bar, CA 91765

or by calling:
(909) 396-2039
or by emailing:
PICrequests@aqmd.gov

Draft EA can also be obtained by accessing South Coast AQMD's website at:
<http://www.aqmd.gov/home/library/document-s-support-material/lead-agency-scaqmd-projects>

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

Los Angeles Times (June 28, 2019)
 South Coast AQMD Website

South Coast AQMD Mailing List & Interested Parties
 South Coast AQMD Public Information Center

Draft EA Review Period (32 days): June 28, 2019 – July 30, 2019

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

South Coast AQMD Governing Board Hearing: September 6, 2019 9:00 a.m.; South Coast AQMD Headquarters – Auditorium

The proposed project will have no statewide, regional or areawide significance; therefore, no CEQA scoping meeting is required for the proposed project pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21083.9(a)(2).

Send CEQA Comments to:

Mr. Luke Eisenhardt

Phone:

(909) 396-2324

Email:

leisenhardt@aqmd.gov

Fax:

(909) 396-3982

Direct Questions on PAR 1407 to:

Mr. Michael Morris

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(909) 396-3282

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Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

Form F

Lead agencies may include 15 hardcopies of this document when submitting electronic copies of Environmental Impact Reports, Negative Declarations, Mitigated Negative Declarations, or Notices of Preparation to the State Clearinghouse (SCH). The SCH also accepts other summaries, such as EIR Executive Summaries prepared pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15123. Please include one copy of the Notice of Completion Form (NOC) with your submission and attach the summary to each electronic copy of the document.

SCH #: TBD

Project Title: Draft EA for PAR 1407 – Control of Emissions of Arsenic, Cadmium, and Nickel from Non-Chromium Metals

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

Contact Name: Barbara Radlein

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Phone Number: 909-396-2716

Project Location: Entire SCAQMD jurisdiction (Orange, Los Angeles, Riverside and San Bernardino counties)

City

County

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

Proposed amendments to Rule 1407 would apply to metal melting operations such as smelting, tinning, galvanizing, and other miscellaneous processes where non-chromium, instead of non-ferrous, metals such as aluminum, brass, bronze, carbon steel, and zinc are processed in molten form. PAR 1407 revises emission standards, establishes monitoring provisions for air pollution control equipment, adds building enclosure provisions to limit fugitive emissions, and updates housekeeping, source testing, and monitoring, recordkeeping, and reporting requirements. The Draft EA indicated that while the project may further reduce fugitive emissions of arsenic, cadmium and nickel, complying with PAR 1407 may also create secondary adverse environmental impacts that would not result in significant adverse impacts to any environmental topic areas. Some facilities affected by PAR 1407 may be identified on lists compiled by the California Department of Toxic Substances Control per Government Code Section 65962.5.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

The proposed project would not result in significant adverse impacts to any environmental topic areas, therefore no mitigation measures are required.

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

To date, no controversial issues relevant to the CEQA analysis were raised as a part of developing the proposed project.

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

There are no responsible or trustee agencies for the proposed project.