

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION FROM THE  
CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)**

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<b>To:</b> Governor's Office of Planning and Research - State Clearinghouse 1400 Tenth St, Suite 222 Sacramento, CA 95814-5502	<b>From:</b> South Coast Air Quality Management District 21865 Copley Drive Diamond Bar, CA 91765
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**Project Title:** Proposed Amended Rule 1466 – Control of Particulate Emissions from Soils with Toxic Air Contaminants

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**Project Location:** The proposed project is located within the South Coast Air Quality Management District's (South Coast AQMD) jurisdiction, which includes the four-county South Coast Air Basin (all of Orange County and the non-desert portions of Los Angeles, Riverside, and San Bernardino counties), and the Riverside County portion of the Salton Sea Air Basin and the non-Palo Verde, Riverside County portion of the Mojave Desert Air Basin.

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**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** Rule 1466 is designed to minimize the amount of off-site fugitive dust emissions by establishing dust control measure that can be implemented during earth-moving activities at applicable sites with soils containing one or more toxic air contaminants and designated as cleanup sites by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA), California Department of Toxics Substances Control (DTSC), State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board), or county, local or state regulatory agency. The following amendments to Rule 1466 are proposed so as to further minimize fugitive dust emissions to the surrounding community and clarify and streamline existing provisions: 1) expand the types of earth-moving activities to include dredging, earth-cutting and filling, and mechanized land clearing; 2) enhance dust control measures for vehicles, stockpiling, periods of inactivity, and sites adjacent to schools, joint use agreement properties, and athletic areas; 3) remove alternative provisions for dust control measures, ambient dust concentration limits, and other requirements; 4) clarify and revise monitoring, PM10 calculation methodologies, and dust control measures; 5) add additional requirements for notifications and recordkeeping; and 6) streamline provisions for existing fencing and signage.

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<b>Public Agency Approving Project:</b> South Coast Air Quality Management District	<b>Agency Carrying Out Project:</b> South Coast Air Quality Management District
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**Exempt Status:** CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) – Common Sense Exemption

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**Reasons why project is exempt:** South Coast AQMD, as Lead Agency, has reviewed the proposed project pursuant to: 1) CEQA Guidelines Section 15002(k) – General Concepts, the three-step process for deciding which document to prepare for a project subject to CEQA; and 2) CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 – Review for Exemption, procedures for determining if a project is exempt from CEQA. Since the proposed project is designed to enhance ongoing efforts to minimize off-site fugitive dust emissions occurring during earth-moving activities of soil containing toxic air contaminants which can be achieved without involving construction activities, it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the proposed project may have a significant adverse effect on the environment. Therefore, the proposed project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) – Common Sense Exemption.

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**Date of Project Approval:** South Coast AQMD Governing Board Hearing: June 4, 2021


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