

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

To: Governor's Office of Planning and Research – State Clearinghouse 1400 Tenth St, Suite 222 Sacramento, CA 95814-5502	From: South Coast Air Quality Management District 21865 Copley Drive Diamond Bar, CA 91765
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Project Title: Proposed Amended Rule 1106 – Marine and Pleasure Craft Coatings, and Proposed Amended Rule 1107 – Coating of Metal Parts and Products

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.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: Proposed Amended Rule 1106 (PAR 1106) and Proposed Amended Rule 1107 (PAR 1107) have been developed to address the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) proposed limited disapproval of the State Implementation Plan (SIP) for Rules 1106 and 1107 citing a deficiency from referencing ASTM International D7767-11 "Standard Test Method to Measure Volatiles from Radiation Curable Acrylate Monomers, Oligomers and Blends and Thin Coatings Made from Them" (ASTM D7767). To remedy this issue, PAR 1106 and PAR 1107 will remove the references to ASTM D7767. PAR 1106 will also delete two product categories and their corresponding VOC limits, Elastomeric Adhesives and Metallic Heat Resistant Coating, because they are not included in the U.S. EPA 1996 Control Techniques Guidelines. The benefits of the proposed project provide clarifications which will remedy the SIP deficiency and improve the enforceability of both rules. Implementation of the proposed project will not result in emission reductions.

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

Reasons why project is exempt: South Coast AQMD, as Lead Agency, has reviewed the proposed project (PAR 1106 and PAR 1107) 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. Because the proposed project is comprised of administrative clarifications without requiring physical modifications, it can be seen with certainty that implementing the proposed project would not cause 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.

Date of Project Approval:
South Coast AQMD Governing Board Public Hearing: January 6, 2023

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