



# 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 1178 – FURTHER REDUCTIONS OF VOC EMISSIONS FROM STORAGE TANKS AT PETROLEUM FACILITIES**

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, 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 in the Draft EA.

This letter and the 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 proposed project. **No action on your part is necessary if the proposed project has no bearing on you or your organization.** The proposed project's description, location, and potential adverse environmental impacts are summarized in the NOC. Information on how to obtain the Draft EA and other relevant documents is also provided in the attached NOC.

The NOC has been filed for posting with the county clerks of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino Counties. The NOC and Draft EA have also been electronically filed with the State Clearinghouse of the Governor's Office of Planning and Research to be posted on their CEQAnet Web Portal which, upon posting, may be accessed via the following weblink: <https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/search/recent>. In addition, the NOC and Draft EA and other relevant documents have been electronically posted on the South Coast AQMD's webpage which can be accessed via the following weblink: <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/research/documents-reports/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 30-day public review and comment period beginning July 19, 2023 and ending at 5:00 p.m. on August 18, 2023. Please send any comments relative to the CEQA analysis in the Draft EA to Kevin Ni via email to [kni@aqmd.gov](mailto:kni@aqmd.gov), via facsimile to (909) 396-3982, or by mail (c/o PRDI/CEQA) to the address shown above. Please include the name, phone number and email address of the contact person, and the organization name, if applicable. Questions regarding the proposed amended rule language should be directed to Melissa Gamoning at (909) 396-3115 or by email to [mgamoning@aqmd.gov](mailto:mgamoning@aqmd.gov).

The proposed project will be considered at the Governing Board Meeting (Public Hearing) on September 1, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. (subject to change). The Public Hearing agenda with details on how the public can participate will be posted at least 72 hours prior to the meeting on South Coast AQMD's website at: <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/news-events/meeting-agendas-minutes>.

