

**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 461.1 – Gasoline Transfer and Dispensing for Mobile Fueling Operations

**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:** Rule 461.1 contains requirements applicable to retail on-demand mobile fueling operations, and applies to the transfer of gasoline into or out of a mobile fueler as well as the dispensing of gasoline from a mobile fueler to any motor vehicle, fuel container, or equipment. In general, the definition of “gasoline” applies to both types of gasoline blends for motor vehicle use and aviation use. However, at the time of adoption of Rule 461.1, the rule requirements were intended for and only focused on gasoline for motor vehicle use, though the rule language did not specify the type of gasoline. Thus, to memorialize the understanding that Rule 461.1 has a limited applicability to gasoline for motor vehicle use only, Proposed Amended Rule (PAR) 461.1 clarifies that aviation gasoline, which is used to fuel smaller aircraft powered by reciprocating spark ignition engines, is exempt from the rule’s requirements. PAR 461.1 also proposes to remove outdated rule language and clarifies certain provisions. While implementation of the proposed project will not result in any changes in emissions, the exemption for aviation gasoline in PAR 461.1 will benefit stakeholders by having improved clarity when implementing the applicable requirements.

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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

**Reasons why project is exempt:** South Coast AQMD, as Lead Agency, has reviewed the proposed project (PAR 461.1) 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. The proposed exemption of the transfer and dispensing of aviation gasoline is a clarification which memorializes the original intent and existing practice of excluding aviation gasoline from the rule’s applicability without requiring physical modifications. Thus, 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.

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**Date of Project Approval:** South Coast AQMD Governing Board Public Hearing: February 2, 2024

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