

**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 1179.1 – Emission Reductions from Combustion Equipment at Publicly Owned Treatment Works Facilities

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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:** Existing Rule 1179.1 contains: 1) nitrogen oxide (NOx) emission limits for boilers, turbines, and engines located at publicly owned treatment works facilities to reflect Best Available Retrofit Control Technology; 2) monitoring, recordkeeping, and reporting requirements; and 3) requirements for engine inspection and monitoring plans set forth in its Attachment 1. Proposed Amended Rule 1179.1 (PAR 1179.1) will codify the corrected cross-references in Rule 1179.1 – Attachment 1 described in the February 4, 2024, compliance advisory. While no emission reductions are expected from these administrative changes, PAR 1179.1 will benefit stakeholders by improving clarity and overall understanding of the rule's implementation requirements by removing inconsistencies.

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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 will make administrative clarifications which will not require physical modifications, no adverse environmental impacts are expected. Thus, it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the proposed project may 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: January 10, 2025

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