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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Report for Proposed Amendments to Regulation VIII, (New Source Review), and Other Associated Rules

The Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District (District) has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the project identified below. The District Board is a lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the NSR revisions, and will use the EIR in its decision-making process when it considers whether to adopt the proposed revisions to District rules.

PROJECT NAME: Proposed Amendments to Regulation VIII, (New Source Review), and Other Associated Rules (commonly referred to as NSR revisions).

PROJECT LOCATION: The NSR revisions will apply in Santa Barbara County, in California State Tidelands waters, and on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) within 25 miles of the coast of Santa Barbara County. California State Tidelands are coastal waters within three miles of the coastline.

PUBLIC AND AGENCY COMMENT: The District is soliciting comments on the adequacy and completeness of the analysis described in the Draft EIR (SCH# 2015091030). You may comment by submitting written comments to the contact identified below prior to the close of the public comment period on June 10, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The District is proposing to revise its New Source Review (NSR) permitting program. NSR rules apply to businesses that are proposing to install or modify any equipment or operation that requires a permit and that could emit regulated air pollutants. These revisions are designed to update the District's current NSR permitting program to reflect recent regulatory mandates, and to simplify the permitting process while maintaining an equally stringent rule set, among other changes. The principal changes that are proposed include:

- Replacing the Net Emission Increase (NEI) calculation methodology with the Potential to Emit (PTE) methodology;
- Revising the offset thresholds, ratios, and calculations;
- Adding offset exemptions for equipment replacements and emergency standby engines;
- Adding PM_{2.5} (particulate matter less than 2.5 microns in diameter) to the attainment pollutant permitting requirements;
- Revising the Air Quality Impact Analysis procedures; and
- Creating new Rule 809, Federal Minor Source NSR, to address federal requirements.

The District has published drafts of the proposed revisions that include the full text of all proposed regulatory changes, as well as background documents explaining the District's reasons for making these proposed changes. All of these documents are available on the District's web page for the proposed amendments at www.ourair.org/rules-under-development.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW FINDINGS: The District has prepared a Draft EIR pursuant to requirements of the State Guidelines for the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Draft EIR examines the potential impacts generated by the proposed project in relation to the following environmental topics: air quality and climate change/greenhouse gases. No significant

environmental impacts (Class I or Class II) were identified for the NSR revisions; therefore, no mitigation measures are included in the EIR.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: The Draft EIR for the NSR revisions will be available for review and comment for 45 days beginning on April 27, 2016. The Draft EIR will be available at public libraries in Santa Maria, Buellton, Lompoc, Goleta, Santa Barbara, UCSB, on the District website at www.ourair.org/rules-under-development, and at the following two locations:

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Air Pollution Control District
260 N. San Antonio Road, Suite A
Santa Barbara, CA 93110
805.961.8800

Santa Barbara County
Air Pollution Control District
301 E. Cook Street, Suite L
Santa Maria, CA 93454
805.961.8800

A District Staff Report for the NSR revisions is available for review at the District offices listed above, as well as on the District website.

HOW TO COMMENT: All written comments on the Draft EIR must be received, preferably by email, by 5:00 PM on Friday, June 10, 2016. Please submit written comments to Carly Barham at the District, 260 N. San Antonio Road, Suite A, Santa Barbara, CA 93110, or ceqa@sbcapcd.org. Please limit comments to environmental issues. If you wish to receive notice of the dates of future public hearings to consider project approval or denial, please contact us at ceqa@sbcapcd.org.