

## NOTICE OF DECISION

**To:** Office of the Secretary for Resources  
General Counsel's Office  
1416 9th Street, Suite 1311  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**From:** SCAQMD  
Planning, Rule Development & Area Sources  
21865 Copley Drive  
Diamond Bar, CA 91765

**Subject:** Filing of Notice of Decision in compliance with Public Resources Code Section 21080.5(d)(2)(E), CEQA Guidelines Sections 15252(b) and 15094(b), and SCAQMD Rule 110(f)

**Project Title:** Revised Final Environmental Assessment (EA) (dated October 2018) for Proposed Amended Rule 1469 – Hexavalent Chromium Emissions from Chromium Electroplating and Chromic Acid Anodizing Operations

**Lead Agency:** South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD)

**SCH Number:** 2018021048

**Date Certified:** November 2, 2018

**SCAQMD Number:** 02072018SW

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**Project Location:** The project will affect facilities located within the SCAQMD's boundary. The SCAQMD has jurisdiction over all of Orange County, the urban portions of Los Angeles and San Bernardino counties southwest of the San Bernardino and San Gabriel mountains, and nearly all of Riverside County, with the exception of communities near the state border.

**Project Description:** SCAQMD staff amended Rule 1469 to further reduce hexavalent chromium emissions from chromium electroplating and chromic acid anodizing operations. Amended Rule 1469 contains new requirements for: 1) hexavalent chromium-containing tanks, such as dichromate seal tanks, that are currently not regulated; 2) air pollution control equipment to be installed on Tier III hexavalent chromium tanks that emit or have the potential to emit hexavalent chromium; 3) conducting periodic source testing and parametric monitoring of air pollution control equipment; 4) complying with building enclosure provisions; 5) maintaining minimum freeboard height on certain tanks; 6) conducting additional housekeeping and implementing best management practices for all hexavalent chromium containing tanks; 7) permanent total enclosures to be vented to air pollution control equipment in the event of non-compliance with specific source testing or monitoring requirements; 8) reducing allowable surface tension limits; 9) prohibiting the use of chemical fume suppressants that contain perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS); and 10) evaluating the use of non-PFOS chemical fume suppressants with toxicity concerns via a revised certification process conducted by SCAQMD and the California Air Resources Board. Although the reduction of hexavalent chromium emissions are expected to create an environmental benefit and protect public health, the activities that the affected facilities may undertake to ensure compliance with amended Rule 1469 may also create secondary adverse environmental impacts. However, the analysis of Rule 1469 in the Revised Final EA did not result in the identification of any environmental topic areas that would be significantly adversely affected.

This is to advise that the SCAQMD has certified the Revised Final EA and approved the above described project, and has made the following determinations:

1. The Revised Final EA was prepared pursuant to SCAQMD's Certified Regulatory Program.
2. The Revised Final EA concluded that the project will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment.
3. Because the Revised Final EA concluded that the project will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment, mitigation measures were not made a condition of the approval of this project. Thus, a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan, pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21081.6 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15097, was not required or adopted for this project.
4. Findings pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15091 and a Statement of Overriding Considerations pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15093 were also not required or adopted for this project.

The Revised Final EA, supporting documentation, and record of project approval may be examined at: SCAQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765.

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Date Received for Filing

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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