



South Coast Air Quality Management District

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July 8, 2011

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

To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed please find two copies of the Notice of Decision (NOD) for the Final Environmental Assessment (EA) prepared for Proposed Amended Rule 1133.1 – Chipping and Grinding Activities and Proposed Rule 1133.3 – Emission Reductions from Greenwaste Composting Operations. The Final EA for PAR 1133.1 and PR 1133.3 was prepared pursuant to CEQA and the South Coast Air Quality Management District's (SCAQMD) certified regulatory program. The CEQA document was certified by SCAQMD's Governing Board at its July 8, 2011, Public Hearing. Please record and post the Notice of Decision according to the provisions of CEQA.

SCAQMD Rule 110 requires that written responses to public comments on a SCAQMD CEQA document be filed with the Secretary of Resources along with the Notice of Decision. One comment letter was received on the Draft EA for PAR 1133.1 and PR 1133.3 during the public comment period, and verbal comments were made during a working group meeting held on June 15, 2011. The comment letter and responses to comments are attached.

Also enclosed is the original signed CEQA Filing Fee No Effect Determination Form from the Department of Fish and Game pursuant to §711.4 of the California Fish and Game Code.

Please confirm receipt of one copy of the NOD and return it to the undersigned. Two return envelopes have been provided for your convenience (one for the confirmed copies upon receipt, and one for the original NOD to be returned after the posting period). If you have any questions, please call me at (909) 396-3054 or Jeff Inabinet at (909) 396-2453.

Sincerely,

Steve Smith, Ph.D.
CEQA Program Supervisor
Planning, Rule Development and Area Sources

Enclosures

NOTICE OF DECISION

To: Office of the Secretary for Resources
Attn: General Counsel's Office
1416 9th Street, Suite 1211
Sacramento, CA 95814

From: SCAQMD
Office of Planning and Policy
21865 Copley Drive
Diamond Bar, CA 91765

Subject: FILING OF NOTICE OF DECISION IN COMPLIANCE WITH §21080.5 OF THE PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE

Project Title: Final Environmental Assessment (EA) prepared for Proposed Amended Rule 1133.1 – Chipping and Grinding Activities and Proposed Rule 1133.3 – Emission Reductions from Greenwaste Composting Operations

SCAQMD Number: 110518JI

Date Certified: July 8, 2011

SCH Number: TBD

Contact Person: Jeffrey J. Inabinet

Telephone Number: (909) 396-2453

Project Location: South Coast Air Quality Management District area of jurisdiction: South Coast Air Basin (all of Orange County and the nondesert portions of Los Angeles, Riverside, and San Bernardino counties), and the Riverside County portions of the Salton Sea Air Basin and Mojave Desert Air Basin

Project Description: PAR 1133.1 would establish the best management practices (BMPs) for chipping and grinding activities, including stockpile operations, to produce materials other than active or finished compost material. PAR 1133.1 would establish requirements for processing, utilizing or removing greenwaste from the site within 48 hours of receipt, unless otherwise allowed by the Local Enforcement Agency to hold for a longer period of time. PAR 1133.1 would apply to any chipping and grinding activities to produce materials other than active or finished compost, occurring at a chipping and grinding facility, a material recovery facility (MRF), a landfill using this material for alternative daily cover (ADC), a transfer station, a biomass power generation facility, or a composting facility. PR 1133.3 would implement Control Measure (CM) MCS-04 of the 2007 Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP) and would establish operational BMPs for greenwaste composting operations that produce active or finished compost material from greenwaste-only or greenwaste in combination with manure or foodwaste. Operators of a greenwaste composting operations would be required to apply finished compost cover after the initial pile is formed and up to the minimum of seven days and water irrigation within a specified time before turning the material for all active phase piles. Additionally, for greenwaste composting operations processing greenwaste mixed with greater than 5,000 tons per year of foodwaste throughput, the operator would be required to install an emission control device for all active phase compost piles containing foodwaste content of 10% or more by weight. PR 1133.3 would apply to greenwaste composting operations involving organic waste materials, including greenwaste, woodwaste, manure, or foodwaste.

This is to advise that the South Coast Air Quality Management District has approved the above described project and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project:

1. The project will not have a significant impact on the environment.
2. Mitigation measures were not made a condition of the approval of this project.
3. A mitigation monitoring program under PRC § 21081.6 was not adopted for this project.
4. A Statement of Findings was not adopted for this project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was not adopted for this project.

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

Date Received for Filing

Signature: _____

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