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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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FROM: Mojave Desert
Air Quality Management District
14306 Park Ave
Victorville, CA 92392-2310

X MDAQMD Senior Executive Analyst

PROJECT TITLE: SIP Cleanup Consisting of the Rescission of Rule 1159 – *Nitric Acid Units – Oxides of Nitrogen*

PROJECT LOCATION – SPECIFIC: San Bernardino County portion of the Mojave Desert Air Basin and Palo Verde Valley portion of Riverside County.

PROJECT LOCATION – COUNTY: San Bernardino and Riverside Counties

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: The Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District (MDAQMD) is proposing a SIP cleanup, consisting of the rescission of South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) Rule 1159 – *Nitric Acid Units – Oxides of Nitrogen*. The MDAQMD does not have any sources in the District subject to this rule, and this action ensures that both the Riverside County and San Bernardino County portions of the MDAQMD are subject to the same set of MDAQMD SIP approved rules.

NAME OF PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT: Mojave Desert AQMD

NAME OF PERSON OR AGENCY CARRYING OUT PROJECT: Mojave Desert AQMD

EXEMPT STATUS (CHECK ONE)

Ministerial (Pub. Res. Code §21080(b)(1); 14 Cal Code Reg. §15268)

Emergency Project (Pub. Res. Code §21080(b)(4); 14 Cal Code Reg. §15269(b))

X Categorical Exemption – Class 8 (14 Cal Code Reg. §15308)

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: The SIP Cleanup is exempt from CEQA review because the SIP update simply rescinds the 1985 version of the SCAQMD Rule 1159 – *Nitric Acid Units – Oxides of Nitrogen* from the SIP in the Blythe/Palo Verde Valley portion of the District in Riverside County, as the MDAQMD has no facilities subject to the rule. This action will not create any new emissions or adverse impacts on the environment. Because there are no sources subject to this rule, there is no potential that the rescission might cause the release of additional air contaminants or create any adverse environmental impacts, a Class 8 categorical exemption (14 Cal. Code Reg. §15308) applies.

LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON: Brad Poiriez **PHONE:** (760) 245-1661

SIGNATURE: **TITLE:** Executive Director **DATE:** June 24, 2024

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