

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning & Research
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From: El Dorado County Air Quality
Management District
330 Fair Lane
Placerville, CA 95667

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Project Title: Revisions to Rule 215 Architectural Coatings

Project Applicant: El Dorado County Air Quality Management District (AQMD)

Project Location: El Dorado County

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: Western El Dorado County (EDC) has been classified as nonattainment for the 2008 eight-hr Ozone National and State Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). As such, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requires the AQMD to implement measures to control emissions of volatile organic compounds from stationary and area sources. In June 2017, AQMD amended Rule 215 Architectural Coatings to incorporate the more stringent standards found in the California Air Resources Board's 2007 Suggested Control Measure (SCM) for architectural coatings as part of the State Implementation Plan. In August 2019, EPA Region 9 staff informed AQMD of slight language differences between the SCM and the 2017 amended Rule 215. AQMD staff is proposing revising Rule 215 to align with requirements of the SCM.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: El Dorado County Board of Supervisors acting as the El Dorado County Air Quality Management District Board of Directors

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: El Dorado County AQMD

Exempt Status:

X Categorical Exemption (California Code of Regulations Sec. 15300 et seq): CEQA Guideline § 15308 – Actions by a Regulatory Agency for Protection of the Environment

Reasons why project is exempt: Projects in this category are actions taken by a regulatory agency as authorized by state law to assure the maintenance, restoration, or enhancement of the environment where the regulatory process involves procedures for protection of the environment. These are revisions to existing district rules to strengthen the standards consistent with other air district architectural coating rules throughout the state.

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Signed: _____ Date: _____ Title: