Notice of Exemption

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From: El Dorado County Air Quality

Placerville, CA 95667

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Project Title: Revisions to Rule 215 Architectural Coatings and Rule 101 General Provisions and

Definitions

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 is in nonattainment of the 2008 8-hr Ozone National and State Ambient Air Quality Standards (AAQS). As such, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requires the El Dorado County Air Quality Management District (AQMD) to implement measures to control emissions of volatile organic compounds (VOC) from stationary and area sources. As part of the State Implementation Plan, AQMD committed to updating Rule 215 Architectural Coatings with the more stringent standards found in the California Air Resources Board's 2007 Suggested Control Measure (SCM) for architectural coatings. Amendments to Rule 101 General Provisions and Definitions are proposed to update the VOC Exempt list and make minor edits to the definitions.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: El Dorado County Board of Supervisors also known 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): <u>CEQA Guideline</u> <u>§15308 – Actions by a Regulatory Agency for Protection of the Environment</u>

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 rules throughout the state.

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