

RESOLUTION AQM 2015 - 022

PARTICULATE MATTER THRESHOLDS OF SIGNIFICANCE

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE SACRAMENTO METROPOLITAN AIR QUALITY  
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

WHEREAS, Division 13, Section 21001 of the California Public Resources Code requires government agencies to develop standards and procedures necessary to protect environmental quality; and

WHEREAS, Title 14, Chapter 3, Section 15022 of the California Code of Regulations requires public agencies to adopt objectives, criteria and procedures consistent with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the state CEQA Guidelines (SCG); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District, by adoption of Resolution AMD 93-0027, has established Environmental Review Guidelines for the District; and

WHEREAS, Section 15064.7 of the SCG encourages public agencies to develop and publish thresholds of significance to use in the determination of the significance of environmental effects, and states that thresholds of significance adopted for general use as part of the agency's environmental review process must be adopted by ordinance, resolution, rule or regulation; developed through a public review process; and supported by substantial evidence; and

WHEREAS, the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District held duly noticed, through email and website postings, public workshop on April 15, 2015, and a public hearing on May 28, 2015, and considered public comments on the proposed particulate matter thresholds of significance; and

WHEREAS, the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District has provided substantial evidence supporting the thresholds of significance for air quality in a document entitled Proposed Particulate Matter CEQA Thresholds of Significance; and

WHEREAS, District staff have complied with all the provisions of State CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.7 for the adoption thresholds of significance intended for general use, and therefore this action is exempt from the remaining provisions of CEQA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors of the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District has determined that adoption of air quality thresholds of significance is exempt from CEQA; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors of the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District rescinds the current particulate matter threshold whereby a project contributes substantially to an existing or projected violation if it emits pollutants at a level equal to or greater than five percent of the California ambient air quality

standards (CAAQS), as listed in the Table of Standards in Section 70200 of Title 17 of the California Code of Regulations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors of the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District adopts a mass emission air quality threshold of significance for particulate matter of zero (0) for projects that fail to apply all feasible Best Available Control Technology (BACT) or Best Management Practices (BMP); and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors of the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District adopts the following mass emission air quality thresholds of significance for particulate matter for projects that apply all feasible BACT or BMP measures:

Pollutant	Pounds/Day	Tons/Year
PM <sub>2.5</sub>	82	15
PM <sub>10</sub>	80	14.6

BE IT ORDERED that the air quality thresholds of significance be effective May 28, 2015.

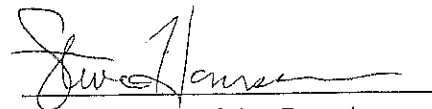
ON A MOTION by Director Terry, seconded by Director Starsky, the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by Directors of the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District, this

Twenty-eight day of May, 2015, by the following vote:

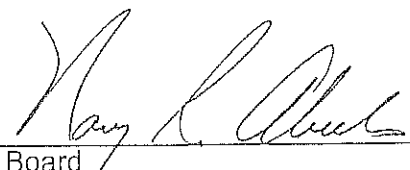
AYES: Directors Crews, Frost, Guerra, Hansen, Harris, Kennedy, Ly, MacGlashan, Nottoli, Starsky, Terry.

NOES: Directors None.

ABSENT: Directors Carr, Peters, Serna.

  
Chairperson of the Board  
Sacramento Metropolitan Air  
Quality Management District

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ATTEST:   
Clerk of the Board  
Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District