



Eastern Kern

Air Pollution Control District

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SUBJECT: Adoption of Reasonably Available Control Technology (RACT) State Implementation Plan (SIP) for the 2015, 8-Hour Ozone NAAQS

Honorable Board:

A portion of the Eastern Kern Air Pollution Control District (District) has been designated as a "Moderate" nonattainment area due to exceeding the 2015, 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). Sections of the Federal Clean Air Act (FCAA) require areas designated Moderate or above to implement Reasonably Available Control Technology (RACT) for all sources of air pollution for which the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has published a Control Techniques Guidelines (CTG) document.

RACT is also required for facilities located in the nonattainment area that emit 50 tons per year of Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) or Oxides of Nitrogen (NOx). FCAA Amendments of 1990 gave states the primary responsibility for achieving the NAAQS. The principal mechanism for compliance was developing and adopting a State Implementation Plan (SIP). A SIP outlines the programs, actions, and commitments a state will carry out to meet its responsibilities.

The District's RACT SIP for the 2015 Ozone NAAQS demonstrates current rules fulfill RACT requirements for applicable CTG source categories. Negative declarations are required for all non-applicable CTGs (no source identified operating in District's nonattainment area). Negative declarations are listed in Table 6 of the RACT SIP. Adoption of the RACT SIP for the 2015 Ozone NAAQS will be considered a revision to the District's ozone SIP.

A Notice of Public Hearing was duly published 30 days prior to this hearing on the District's website and in adjudicated newspapers; Mojave Desert News, Tehachapi News, and Bakersfield Californian. A draft of the RACT SIP was made available for public review and comment beginning August 4, 2020. The notice requested all written comments pertaining to the draft RACT SIP be submitted by September 2, 2020. A copy of the RACT SIP is attached.

IT IS RECOMMENDED your Board Open Hearing; Receive Public Comment; Close Hearing; Adopt the Reasonably Available Control Technology (RACT) State Implementation Plan (SIP) for the 2015, 8-Hour Ozone NAAQS, and Resolution No. 2020-001-09.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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