

SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

To: Governor's Office of Planning and Research - State Clearinghouse
1400 Tenth St, Suite 222
Sacramento, CA 95814-5502
and
County Clerk, Dean Logan
County of Los Angeles
12400 E Imperial Hwy, Room 2001
Norwalk, CA 90650

From: South Coast Air Quality Management District
(South Coast AQMD)
21865 Copley Drive
Diamond Bar, CA 91765

Subject: Filing of Notice of Determination in Compliance with Public Resources Code Section 21152 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15096(i)

Project Title: AltAir Renewable Fuels Conversion Project

State Clearinghouse No: 2020069013

Project Applicant: AltAir Paramount LLC, (South Coast AQMD Facility ID Number 187165 and Application Number 630604 for Rule 1166 Site Specific VOC-Contaminated Soil Mitigation Plan)

Project Location: 14700 Downey Avenue, Paramount, CA 90723

Lead Agency: City of Paramount
16400 Colorado Avenue
Paramount, CA 90723

Lead Agency Contact: John Carver,
(562) 220-2036

Responsible Agency: South Coast AQMD
21865 Copley Drive
Diamond Bar, CA 91765

Responsible Agency Contact: Barbara Radlein,
(909) 396-2716

Date of Project Approval: June 17, 2022

Project Description: The City of Paramount, as the Lead Agency, for the project, prepared and certified the Final Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) for Conditional Use Permit No. 757 – AltAir Renewable Fuels Conversion Project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as part of their April 11, 2022 approval of the project. The SEIR analyzed the complete conversion of the Paramount crude oil refinery into a renewable fuels production facility, eliminating the refining of crude oil. The project modifications were to include a new Pretreat Unit, modifications to the existing Renewable Fuels Unit A, a new Renewable Fuels Unit B, a new Hydrogen Generation Unit, a new Hydrogen Recovery Unit, a new Propane Recovery Unit, upgrades to the existing wastewater treatment system, a new Hydrogen Sulfide Recovery Unit, a second Sour Water Stripper, a

new flare, modifications to the truck and rail loading/unloading racks, and new pipelines within the refinery. Some existing tanks would be upgraded/repaired and permitted to handle different products (e.g., non-edible vegetable oils and beef tallow). The Project would also include utilizing two existing 55,000-barrel storage tanks at the Lakewood Tank Farm, and would also relocate several buildings on-site and provide temporary buildings for the demolition and construction process. A South Coast AQMD Rule 1166 Site Specific VOC-Contaminated Soil Mitigation Plan (Application Number 630604) is included to address air quality impacts during construction.

The City of Paramount adopted Findings, a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, and Statement of Overriding Considerations, as set forth in the City of Paramount City Council's Resolution No. 22:021 Conditional Use Permit (CUP) No. 757 Amendment and Resolution No. 22:022 Zone Variance No. 409 for the project.

This is to advise that the South Coast AQMD, as the Responsible Agency, has approved South Coast AQMD Rule 1166 Site Specific VOC-Contaminated Soil Mitigation Plan (Application Number 630604), which is an element of the project and made the following determinations:

1. The South Coast AQMD has reviewed and considered the SEIR for the AltAir Renewable Fuels Conversion Project which was certified by the City of Paramount.
2. The South Coast AQMD, after considering the SEIR that was certified by the City of Paramount, and after considering the Findings, Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, and Statement of Overriding Considerations adopted by the City of Paramount, as set forth in the City of Paramount City Council's Resolution No. 22:021 CUP No. 757 Amendment and Resolution No. 22:022 Zone Variance No. 409, insofar as they pertain to the Project's impacts on air quality, and has determined that the Significant Title V permit revision for the Project (Application Number 630604) to incorporate a Rule 1166 Site Specific VOC-Contaminated Soil Mitigation Plan which was proposed as air quality mitigation during construction of the AltAir Renewable Fuels Conversion Project should be issued under the terms and conditions specified therein.
3. The South Coast AQMD hereby finds that the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program adopted by the City of Paramount, which assigns implementation and enforcement of the air quality mitigation measures AQ-1a, 2a, and 2b to the City of Paramount, the City of Bellflower, Paramount Unified School District, and Bellflower Unified School District, and which also assigns implementation and enforcement of AQ-5a to the City of Paramount and the South Coast AQMD, adequately mitigates the air quality impacts and no additional mitigation measures or project alternatives are identified.
4. These Responsible Agency determinations for the AltAir Renewable Fuels Conversion Project reflect the independent judgment of the South Coast AQMD.
5. The Deputy Executive Officer of Engineering and Permitting is the custodian of documents which constitute the record of proceedings regarding the South Coast AQMD's review and consideration of the SEIR and approval of the Significant Title V permit revision, which are located at 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765.

The Title V permit which incorporates the Rule 1166 Site Specific VOC-Contaminated Soil Mitigation Plan, the referenced CEQA documents, and supporting materials prepared by the City of Paramount, supporting documentation provided by the applicant, and record of project approval may be examined at South Coast AQMD located at 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765.

Date Received for Filing: _____

Signature:

 June 17, 2022

Barbara Radlein
Program Supervisor, CEQA
Planning, Rule Development, and
Implementation