

Appendix E Notice of Exemption

To: County Clerk
Contra Costa County
P.O. Box 350
Martinez, CA 94553

From: Bay Area Air Quality Management District
939 Ellis Street
San Francisco, CA 94109

Project Title: Interchangeable Emission Reduction Credit Banking Application Number 21415

Project Location - Specific: Shell Martinez Refinery
3485 Pacheco Blvd., Martinez, CA 94553

Project Location – City: Martinez

Project Location – County: Contra Costa

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: This application is to bank 761.5 tons of nitrogen oxide Interchangeable Emission Reduction Credits (IERCs) generated by emission reductions that occurred at the Carbon Monoxide (“CO”) Boilers No. 1, 2 and 3 at the Shell Martinez Refinery. These IERCs are approved for banking in accordance with BAAQMD Regulation 2, Rule 9, Interchangeable Emission Reduction Credits. These IERCs may only be used in accordance with restrictions set forth in Regulation 2, Rule 9.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Bay Area Air Quality Management District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: N/A

Exempt Status (check one)

- Ministerial (Sec. 15073)
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 15071(a))
- Emergency Project (Sec. 15071 (b) and (c))
- Categorical Exemption
- Other. (Sec. 15061(b)(3)) Regulation 2, Rule 1, Section 312.10: Application to deposit emission reductions in the emission bank

Reasons why project is exempt: It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the approval of these IERCs for banking will have a significant effect on the environment. Approval of this application is therefore not subject to CEQA review. These IERCs may not be used without a separate review and approval by the BAAQMD. There is no possibility that the banking of these credits alone may have a significant effect on the environment. Any potential or future environmental impacts associated with the use of these IERCs are separate projects which will undergo separate evaluations pursuant to Regulation 2, Rule 9 and CEQA.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Greg Stone

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If filed by applicant

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signed by Jeff McKay
Signature

April 20, 2010
Date

Executive Officer / APCO
Title

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant Date received for filing at OPR: _____