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<u>Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) for the Proposed Los Alamitos</u> Medical Center Specific Plan

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the above-mentioned document. The following comments are meant as guidance for the Lead Agency and should be incorporated into the final CEQA document.

In the project description, the lead agency proposes construction that would include two new hospital buildings, a new central plant, support facilities and other activities. From the Draft EIR, however, it is not clear if the proposed construction includes new or relocated emergency generators and/or boiler equipment. If so, basic information including the number, size (rated heat input, maximum rated power, etc.), the proposed fuel for this equipment, hours of operation, and emissions, as applicable, should be included in the Final EIR. In addition, these types of equipment might be subject to the following AQMD rules and regulations: Rule 1146 - Emissions of Oxides of Nitrogen from Industrial, Institutional and Commercial Boilers, Steam Generators, and Process Heaters; Rule 1146.1 - Emissions of Oxides of Nitrogen from Small Industrial, Institutional, and Commercial Boilers, Steam Generators, and Process Heaters; Rule 1470 - Requirements for Stationary Diesel-Fueled Internal Combustion and Other Compression Ignition Engines; and Regulation XIII – New Source Review. Compliance with these requirements should be referenced in the Final EIR. Questions related to the applicability of the aforementioned rules and regulation can be directed to AQMD staff at (909) 396-2601.

Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21092.5, please provide the AQMD with written responses to all comments contained herein prior to the adoption of the Final EIR. The SCAQMD staff would be happy to work with the Lead Agency to address these issues and any other questions that may arise. Please contact Gordon Mize, Air Quality Specialist – CEQA Section, at (909) 396-3302, if you have any questions regarding these comments.

Sincerely,

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