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Review of the Negative Declaration (ND) for the Stericycle Inc. Project

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the above-mentioned document. The following comment is intended to provide guidance to the lead agency and should be incorporated into the final CEQA document as appropriate.

The air quality analysis prepared for the proposed project demonstrates significant regional air quality impacts from the proposed project. Based on the air quality discussion provided in the Negative Declaration the proposed project will generate 2,000 miles per day of heavy duty diesel truck travel resulting in 76 pounds per day of NOx emissions exceeding the AQMD's Regional CEQA Significance Threshold¹ for NOx (i.e., 55 lbs per day) by 21 pounds per day. Therefore, the lead agency should require mitigation to reduce these impacts to a less than significant level. Specifically, the AQMD staff recommends that the lead agency include the following mitigation measure into the final CEQA document:

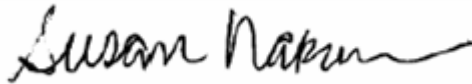
- At commencement of project operations, all on-road heavy duty diesel trucks serving the facility shall comply with EPA 2007 on-road emission standards for PM10 and NOx (0.01 g/bhp-hr and at least 1.2 g/bhp-hr, respectively).

Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21092.5, please provide the AQMD with proper notification of the any hearings to consider adoption of the final CEQA document. Further, staff is available to work with the lead agency to address these issues and any

¹ A summary of AQMD's Regional Significance Thresholds can be found at:
<http://www.aqmd.gov/ceqa/handbook/signthres.pdf>

other questions regarding air quality that may arise. Please contact Dan Garcia, Air Quality Specialist CEQA Section, at (909) 396-3304, if you have any questions regarding the enclosed comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan Nakamura". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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