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**South Coast AQMD Statement on Wheeler letter to CARB
re: State Implementation Plans**

Statement by Wayne Nastri, executive officer for the South Coast Air Quality Management District:

“Today, the Trump Administration made outrageous false claims regarding State Implementation Plans (SIPs) for the Coachella Valley. The 1997 8-hour Ozone SIP for Coachella Valley was approved by U.S. EPA on June 12, 2017 (82 FR 26854). One portion of that plan has not been acted upon and we await clarification from EPA. The 2008 8-hour ozone SIP for Coachella Valley was submitted in 2017 and is currently undergoing review by the EPA.

These and other approved California SIPs clearly show that the air quality challenges facing much of California stem from decades of the federal government’s failure to address emissions from federally regulated mobile sources, including heavy duty trucks, locomotives, planes and ships. The federal government needs to stop its punitive actions to reduce California’s authority and instead focus on cleaning the air for Californians and all Americans.

We will continue to do our part to clean the air for California residents with the world’s most stringent pollution control requirements for sources under our control.”

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