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**Re:** South Coast AQMD Rule 317 Fee Equivalency Account Reconciliation Reports for South Coast Air Basin (SCAB)

South Coast AQMD Rule 317 was adopted to satisfy the requirements specified in Section 185 of the 1990 Amendments to the federal Clean Air Act (CAA). Section 185 of the CAA requires major sources to pay fees upon failing to meet an ozone standard by the attainment date. Alternatively, Section 172(e) of the CAA allows for a fee equivalency program in lieu of fee payments.

Pursuant to South Coast AQMD Rule 317(c)(5), please find attached Section 172(e) Fee Equivalency Account (FEA) reconciliation reports for Fee Assessment Years (FAY) 2020 through 2022. As documented in these reports, the reconciliation of expenditures from qualified programs (credits) with the source fee obligation (debits) for the South Coast Air Basin demonstrates a net positive balance of credits remaining in each reporting year and these credit balances are sufficient to demonstrate compliance for both the Annual Demonstration of Equivalency pursuant to Rule 317(c)(3) and Annual Preliminary Demonstration of Equivalency pursuant to Rule 317(c)(4).

If there are any questions concerning these reports, please contact Ian MacMillan at 909.396.3244 or <a href="macmillan@aqmd.gov">imacmillan@aqmd.gov</a> or Vicki White at 909.396.3436 or <a href="macmillan@aqmd.gov">vwhite@aqmd.gov</a>.

Sincerely,

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Attachments: Rule 317 172(e) FEA FAY 2020 Reconciliation Report for SCAB

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