

State of California
AIR RESOURCES BOARD

Resolution 79-9

February 21, 1979

WHEREAS, Section 39602 of the Health and Safety Code designates the Air Resources Board (ARB) as the air pollution control agency for all purposes set forth in federal law and designates the ARB as the state agency responsible for the preparation of the State Implementation Plan (SIP) required by the Clean Air Act;

WHEREAS, the Clean Air Act as amended in 1977 mandates the revision of the SIP for designated nonattainment areas of the state in order to assure the attainment and maintenance of national ambient air quality standards;

WHEREAS, Imperial County was designated nonattainment for oxidant under provisions of Section 107(d) of the Clean Air Act;

WHEREAS, the Imperial County Board of Supervisors was designated and certified by the ARB on November 27, 1978 as the local lead planning agency for the preparation of the 1979 nonattainment plan for Imperial County;

WHEREAS, the Imperial County Board of Supervisors held a public hearing on October 31, 1978 after 30 days notice and approved a nonattainment plan for Imperial County;

WHEREAS, Imperial County transmitted the "Imperial County Plan to Attain National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Oxidants" (Imperial NAP) to the ARB on November 22, 1978 for approval as a revision to the SIP;

WHEREAS, the Clean Air Act and implementing regulations promulgated by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) require that revisions to the SIP be adopted after a public hearing for which 30 days notice the public has been provided;

WHEREAS, a public hearing upon 30 days notice and other administrative proceedings have been held in accordance with the requirements of the Clean Air Act and the provisions of the Administrative Procedures Act (California Government Code Section 11371 et seq.);

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board amends Table 5-1 in the Imperial NAP to reflect the air quality monitoring values for ozone as recorded by the Lawrence Livermore Laboratories air quality monitoring instruments. This change results in a 0.14 ppm ozone design value for the Imperial NAP;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board directs the Executive Officer to reexamine the accuracy and reliability of the existing ambient air quality monitoring data for Imperial County to determine the applicability of the nonattainment designation for ozone and to change the designation status if appropriate and report back to the Board if any changes are needed in the Board's action;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board finds the Imperial NAP substantially fulfills the requirements for the development of a 1979 nonattainment plan for a rural area pursuant to the Clean Air Act and implementing regulations and guidelines, with the exceptions noted below;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board finds the demonstration in the Imperial NAP of reasonable further progress toward attainment of the federal ozone standard by 1982 as required by Clean Air Act Section 172(b)(3) is inconclusive due to the effects of pollutant transport from upwind areas outside the County and therefore remands the air quality analysis to the County for further study;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board accepts as adequate and approves the County's commitment to adopt the reasonably available control measures (RACMs) contained in the Imperial NAP as required by Section 172(b)(2) of the Clean Air Act on the condition that legally enforceable regulations or schedules to implement these measures are adopted by the County and all responsible implementing agencies by May 30, 1979;

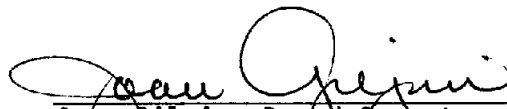
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board directs the Executive Officer to amend the Imperial NAP by deleting emissions reduction claims from agricultural burning and pesticide usage categories and referring them to the District for further study because no legally enforceable commitments are made by the County to assure that such reductions will take place;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board finds that controls for Stage I vapor recovery systems with 95% efficiency, cutback asphalt, and fixed and floating roof tanks (other than at oil production fields), are reasonably available control measures but not included in the Imperial NAP, and that the Board authorizes the Executive Officer to work with the Air Pollution Control District (APCD) to obtain local adoption of these measures, or, if necessary, to adopt these measures for the APCD if local adoption does not occur by May 30, 1979;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board finds that the Imperial NAP fails to describe adequately the contents of a New Source Review (NSR) rule which the County has committed to adopt. The Board authorizes the Executive Officer to work with the Imperial County Air Pollution Control District to assure that the locally adopted NSR rule is consistent with the ARB model NSR rule, or, if necessary, to adopt after hearing an NSR rule for the District if local adoption does not occur by May 30, 1979 for inclusion in an SIP submission to the EPA;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board directs the Executive Officer to revise the Imperial NAP to conform with this resolution and submit the same as an SIP revision to the EPA in fulfillment of Part D of the Clean Air Act.

I certify that the above is a true and correct copy of Resolution 79-9 as passed by the Air Resources Board.


Joan Gilpin, Board Secretary

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Response to Significant Environmental Issues

Item: Public Hearing to Consider Adoption of the Imperial County Plan to Attain National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Oxidants as a Revision to the State of California Implementation Plan (SIP) for the Attainment and Maintenance of National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS).

Public Hearing Date: February 21, 1979


Response Date: February 21, 1979

Issuing Authority: Air Resources Board

Comment: None received.

Response: N/A

CERTIFIED:


Joan Gilpin
Board Secretary

Date: May 15, 1979

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Memorandum

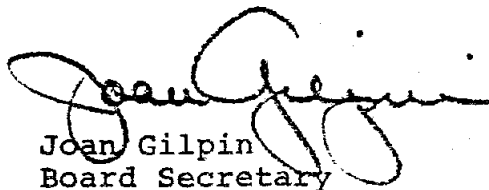
To : Huey E. Johnson
Secretary
Resources Agency

Date : May 30, 1979

Subject: Filing of Notice of
Decision for the
Air Resources Board

From : Air Resources Board

Pursuant to Title 17, Section 60007(b) and in compliance with Air Resources Board certification under Section 21080.5 of the Public Resources Code, the Air Resources Board hereby forwards for posting the attached notices of decision and response to environmental comments raised during the comment period.


Joan Gilpin
Board Secretary

Attachments

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