



PINAL COUNTY
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MEMORANDUM

Date: March 4, 2025
To: PINAL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
From: Anu Jain, Director, Pinal County Air Quality **A.J.**
Re: Revised - Reasonably Available Control Technology - Negative Declaration

On August 5, 2020 the Pinal County Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 080520-AQ1, a Resolution pursuant to Title 49 of the Arizona Revised Statutes, adopting changes to local air quality rules. The changes included revisions to surface coating and gasoline dispensing rules and a negative declaration for other sources, applicable to the Apache Junction portion of the 2008 Phoenix-Mesa Ozone Nonattainment Area. The approved rule changes were submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) through the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality as elements of the Arizona State Implementation Plan.

On October 7, 2022 the U.S. EPA published in the Federal Register (87 FR 60897) the final air quality designation for Pinal County Air Quality Control District (PCAQCD) to align with the 2015 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). The designation of 'Nonattainment' applied to both the existing Apache Junction boundary known as 'Area A,' (primarily aligning with the 2008 Phoenix-Mesa Ozone Nonattainment Area) and a newly expanded section of Pinal County comprising of the area monitored by the Queen Valley monitor and San Tan Valley, excluding any land defined as Indian Country under federal law (18 U.S.C. 1151).

Following the 2015 ozone designation, PCAQCD is required to implement existing control measures known as 'reasonably available control technology' (RACT) into the newly expanded nonattainment area of Pinal County. The targeted RACT measures remain identical to those implemented in Area A, specifically to control volatile organic compounds (VOC) emissions from surface coating operations and gasoline dispensing facilities. In addition, the PCAQCD is submitting a negative declaration document (listing all of the other source categories with Control Technology Guidelines (CTGs) that have no industrial sources located in the Pinal County portion of the expanded ozone nonattainment area).

Both the RACT measures and negative declaration document needs to go through a public process, including a public comment period. As part of the ozone RACT rulemaking to cover the negative declarations requirement, the District has updated the August 9, 2019 issued "Reasonably Available Control Technology (RACT) Analysis, Negative Declaration and Rules Adoption" document to include applicability to the expanded nonattainment area.

The updated draft document was made available for public review and comment on the Pinal County Air Quality Control District's website on January 22, 2025. Pinal County Air Quality staff contacted EPA Region 9 about the document and the public comment period. Additionally, the document was included in the Board of Supervisors Public Hearing Public Notice published in

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the local newspapers. The District accepted comments on the document through February 24 2025. No written or oral comments were received during the formal comment period.

The final version of "Reasonably Available Control Technology (RACT) Analysis, Negative Declaration and Rules Adoption" is included with the air quality related agenda item for today's public hearing along with the request in the resolution that the Board of Supervisors approve the negative declaration document and request that it be submitted to EPA.