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Board of Directors Eastern Kern APCD 2700 "M" Street, Suite 302 Bakersfield, California 93301

SUBJECT: Adoption of Amendments to Rule 410, (Organic Solvents)

Honorable Board:

The Eastern Kern Air Pollution Control District (District) is proposing to adopt amendments to Rule 410, (Organic Solvents). On May 17, 2022, the District held a public workshop at the District Board Room located at 414 W. Tehachapi Boulevard Suite D, Tehachapi, CA 93561, to present proposed amendments to Rule 410. The District received comments from industry following the 30-day public review and comment period. The comments and District responses are addressed in Appendix G of the Rule 410 Staff Report. Staff also submitted copies of proposed amended Rule 410 to the California Air Resources Board (CARB) and Region IX of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for review. No comments were received from CARB or EPA.

Rule 410 is being amended to reduce volatile organic compound (VOC) emissions from organic solvent usage. Amended Rule 410 will also absorb the provisions of existing Rule 410.2 (Disposal and Evaporation of Solvents). Therefore, Rule 410.2 will no longer be applicable and will be rescinded upon board adoption of Rule 410.

Rule 410 will become effective immediately upon Board adoption. A Notice of Public Hearing was duly published more than 30 days prior this hearing in the following newspapers: Mojave Desert News, Daily Independent, Tehachapi News, and Bakersfield Californian. The notice requested written comments on amended Rule 410 and associated staff reports be submitted by August 31, 2022. A copy of the staff report, which includes the proposed amendments to the rule, is attached.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED** your Board Open Hearing; Receive Public Comment; Close Hearing; Adopt Amended Rule 410, (Organic Solvents) and Resolution Number 2022-002-09.

Sincerely,

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