4.7 PM HOT SPOT PROCESS

SOUTH COAST AIR BASIN
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PM 2.5 Project-Level Conformity Determinations

Projects with an Approved NEPA Document[2]

Step 1: **Determine if the project is exempt from all conformity requirements per 40 CFR 93.126.**

a. If yes, proceed to Step 11.
b. If no, proceed to Step 2.

Step 2: **Determine if the project is a project of air quality concern for particulate matter.**

a. If yes, proceed to Step 6.
b. If no or unsure, complete *PM Conformity Hot-Spot Analysis Project Summary for Interagency Consultation* form attached and proceed to Step 3.

Step 3: **Submit form for interagency consultation at the SCAG TCWG.** Forms are to be submitted to the appropriate CTC contact person. The forms are to be submitted to SCAG by the second Tuesday of the month they are to be discussed at the TCWG. Late forms will be accommodated to the extent possible and the forms are reviewed on a first come first serve basis.

Step 4: **Interagency consultation review at the TCWG.** Proceed to Step 5 or 6 depending on the outcome of the interagency consultation.

Step 5: **If the project is determined to <u>not</u> be a project of air quality concern.** Complete the project-level conformity documentation. Document that the project was determined not to be a project of air quality concern and that no additional hotspot analysis is required. Proceed to Step 8.

Step 6: **If the project is determined to be a project of air quality concern.** Complete a project-level conformity documentation <u>including</u> a qualitative hotspot analysis.

Step 7: **Submit the qualitative hotspot analysis to TCWG for concurrence.** The analysis should be submitted to SCAG by the second Tuesday of the month they are to be discussed at TCWG.

Step 8: **Circulate the project-level conformity documentation for public comment consistent with the public notice for the NEPA document.** If the NEPA document was not otherwise circulated for public comment, then the conformity analysis would not have to be circulated for public comment.

Step 9: **Respond to public comments.** If significant comments are received, the project sponsor should bring the project back to the TCWG for resolution of the comments.

Step 10: **Submit conformity documentation to FHWA and request a conformity determination.**

Step 11: **As appropriate, document on the E-76 submittal that: 1) the project is exempt from all conformity requirements; or 2) indicate the date of the FHWA PM2.5 conformity determination.**

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[2] PM2.5 project-level conformity determinations should be completed prior to next anticipated federal approval; project sponsors should be cognizant of project schedules.

PM 2.5 Project-Level Conformity Determinations

Projects that DO NOT have an Approved NEPA document

Step 1: **Determine if the project is exempt from all conformity requirements per 40 CFR 93.126.**

a. If yes, include a discussion in the NEPA document that the project is exempt from all conformity requirements and proceed to Step 8.
b. If no, proceed to Step 2.

Step 2: **Determine if the project is a project of air quality concern for particulate matter.**[1]

a. If yes, proceed to Step 6.
b. If no or unsure, complete *PM Conformity Hot-Spot Analysis Project Summary for Interagency Consultation* form attached and proceed to Step 3.

Step 3: **Submit form for interagency consultation at the SCAG TCWG.** Forms are to be submitted to the appropriate CTC contact person. The forms are to be submitted to SCAG by the second Tuesday of the month they are to be discussed at the TCWG. Late forms will be accommodated to the extent possible and the forms are reviewed on a first come first serve basis.

Step 4: **Interagency consultation review at the TCWG.** Proceed to Step 5 or 6 depending on the outcome of the interagency consultation.

Step 5: **If the project is determined to <u>not</u> be a project of air quality concern.** Complete the project-level conformity documentation as part of the NEPA document. Document that the project was determined not to be a project of air quality concern and that no additional hotspot analysis is required. Proceed to Step 8.

Step 6: **If the project is determined to be a project of air quality concern.** Complete a project-level conformity documentation <u>including</u> a qualitative hotspot analysis as part of the NEPA document.

Step 7: **Submit the qualitative hotspot analysis to TCWG for concurrence.** The analysis should be submitted to SCAG by the second Tuesday of the month they are to be discussed at TCWG.

Step 8: **Circulate the conformity analysis for public comment as part of the public notice for the NEPA document.** For project not of air quality concern, specifically request comment on the determination that the project is not of air quality concern.

Step 9: **Complete NEPA process.** The project sponsor should include responses to comments in the final document. If significant comments are received, the project sponsor should bring the project back to the TCWG for resolution of the comments prior to finalizing the document.

Step 10: **As appropriate, document on the E-76 submittal that: 1) the project is exempt from all conformity requirements; or 2) that the PM2.5 and/or PM10 project-level conformity determination was complete with the NEPA document.**

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[1] These procedures apply to both PM2.5 and PM10 if a qualitative analysis for PM10 was not previously started.