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**SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
INTERNATIONAL GATEWAY (SCIG) PROJECT**

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (LADPH) has reviewed the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Southern California International (SCIG) Project, and the March 6, 2013 letter from the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) regarding the EIR.

LADPH concurs with the concerns cited by SCAQMD, particularly regarding the significant localized air quality impacts on the surrounding communities from this project. The EIR shows that the SCIG project will exceed the applicable significance thresholds for Nitrous Dioxide (NO₂), PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} by 250%, 420%, and 80%, respectively. These exceedances will negatively impact sensitive land use near the proposed rail yard.

Children are especially vulnerable to these pollutants, which are associated with significant diseases such as asthma and other chronic respiratory conditions. According to SCAQMD, the EIR does not currently provide any mitigation measures that would reduce operational emissions and potential impacts.

LADPH concurs with the SCAQMD recommendation to send back the EIR for further revision based on input from the commenting agencies, specifically because of the health impacts identified by SCAQMD. LADPH will review the EIR again after revision.

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