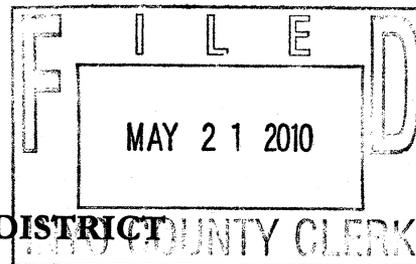




## GREAT BASIN UNIFIED AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT

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### NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**TO:** County Clerk  
County of Inyo

**FROM:** Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District  
157 Short Street  
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**Project Title:** 2010 PM10 Maintenance Plan and Redesignation Request for the Coso Junction Planning Area

**Project Location - Specific:** Coso Junction area in Eastern California, southern portion of Inyo County

**Project Location - County:** Inyo County (See Figure 1)

**Description of Project:** The 2010 PM10 Maintenance Plan and Redesignation Request for the Coso Junction Planning Area is a revision to the 2004 State Implementation Plan (SIP) for Coso Junction. The proposed action includes: 1) a request to the US Environmental Protection Agency to redesignate the area from nonattainment for the National Ambient Air Quality Standard for PM10 (federal standard) to attainment based on monitoring data and a modeling analysis, and 2) a maintenance plan that includes requirements to ensure that the federal PM10 (particulate matter less than 10 microns in nominal diameter) standard will not be violated in the future. As required to redesignate the area to attainment, monitoring data and a modeling analysis showed that the Coso Junction Planning Area (CJPA) complied with the federal PM10 standard (150 micrograms per cubic meter for a 24-hour average) during the 3-year period from January 2007 through December 2009. The boundaries of the CJPA are shown in Figure 1. No new regulations are proposed with the approval of the maintenance plan or the recommended action for the US Environmental Protection Agency to redesignate the CJPA from nonattainment to attainment with the federal standard. The District will rely on existing District rules for PM10 and requirements in the 2008 Owens Valley PM10 SIP to ensure that the federal PM10 standard is maintained in the CJPA.

**Agency Approving and Carrying Out the Project:** Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District

**Reason Why the Project is Exempt:** The project will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. CEQA Guidelines §15060(c)(2); 15061(b)(3).

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**Date Received for filing:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Figure 1. The Coso Junction Planning Area is located in southern Inyo County, California. Windblown dust from the exposed lake bed at Owens Lake is the primary source of PM10 that caused federal air quality violations in the CJPA. Dust control measures implemented at Owens Lake from 2002 through 2006 resulted in significant reductions in PM10 in the CJPA. Compliance with the federal PM10 standard was measured at Coso Junction during the 3-year period from January 2007 through December 2009.

