



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

In addition to the Ozone Working Group, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District is involved in a number of other community outreach efforts. The following is a summary of recent District outreach activities:

Environmental Justice Resource Teams

The District has recently convened three environmental justice resource teams to work with community groups in East Palo Alto, West Oakland and Contra Costa County. The District is also in the process of creating a new team in the Bayview/Hunter's Point neighborhood of San Francisco. Resource teams act as liaisons to the community and help the District with information exchange and communication.

Upcoming Meetings:

- 1) East Palo Alto - Thursday, April 24th, 6:00pm – 8:00pm at the Family Support Center, 1798-B Bay Road, East Palo Alto, CA
- 2) Richmond – May meeting is tentatively scheduled. Please call Sarah Goldberg, Community Focus, at 415-975-2955 X 2 to confirm.

Complaint Program Review Meetings

The District holds these meetings to allow communities the opportunity to review and give input on the District's complaint and odor verification process.

Upcoming Meetings:

Wednesday, April 30th, 6:30pm – 8:30pm at the N. Richmond Senior Multi-Cultural Family Center, 515 N. Silver, Richmond, CA (tentative)

Rule Development Workshops

When the District develops regulation to improve air quality, District staff conduct meetings with the affected communities, businesses and other interested parties to discuss issues, exchange information, and improve communication among the various parties.

Upcoming Workshops:

TBD

Flare Monitoring Community Meetings

The District is currently conducting a series of community meetings to discuss a proposed regulation which would require monitoring of refinery flares.

Upcoming Meetings:

Thursday, March 27th, 6:30pm - 8:30pm at the City Council Chambers, 525 Henrietta Street, Martinez, CA and Thursday, April 3rd, 6:30pm - 8:30pm at the Rodeo Senior Center, 189 Parker Avenue, Rodeo, CA

Toxics New Source Review (NSR) Rule Community Workshops

Community workshops are being held to gather public input on the proposal to change the District's current policy on toxic air contaminants into an enforceable rule.

Upcoming Workshops:

Late May or June 2003 (tentative) in San Francisco, East Palo Alto, Richmond, West Oakland and possibly San Jose.

Meetings Hosted By Other Community Groups

District staff work with several Bay Area community groups such as the Contra Costa Health Services' Asthma Coalition and the North Richmond Healthy Neighborhood Environmental Justice Group to protect public health.

Upcoming Meetings:

Contra Costa Health Services' Asthma Coalition – Thursday, April 10th, 4:00pm – 6:00pm at the Richmond Senior Center, 2525 Macdonald Ave., Richmond, CA

Other Community Events

District staff participate in various events throughout the region such as health fairs, Earth Day events, and employer events in order to bring attention to air pollution issues.

Upcoming Events:

- 1) A 3-day series of Bay Area "Toxic Tours" (in conjunction with the "Environmental Justice Air Quality Coalition") to be held sometime in April & May/June 2003 (tentative). Day-1 Contra Costa, Richmond & Rodeo; Day-2 Oakland/SF; Day-3 Peninsula.
- 2) Celebrate Earth Day at The Tech – Saturday, April 19th, 11:00am – 4:00pm, The Tech Museum of Innovation, 201 South Market St., Downtown San Jose

Check the Community Calendar at www.sparetheair.org for other Earth Day activities.

If you'd like the Air District to participate in your community event or would like more information on any of these community outreach efforts, please contact BAAQMD's Public Information and Education Division at 415-749-4900 or visit our website <http://www.baaqmd.gov>