



PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

June 13, 2005

TO: INTERESTED PARTIES
FROM: EXECUTIVE OFFICER
SUBJECT: **PUBLIC HEARING: PROPOSED REGULATION 12,
RULE 12: FLARES AT PETROLEUM REFINERIES**

On **Wednesday, July 20, 2005**, the Board of Directors of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District will conduct a public hearing to consider adoption of a proposed new rule, **Regulation 12: Miscellaneous Standards Of Performance, Rule 12: Flares at Petroleum Refineries**, and to consider Certification of the CEQA Final Environmental Impact Report. The District is also proposing to amend **Regulation 8: Organic Compounds, Rule 2: Miscellaneous Operations**, to clarify that this rule does not apply to sources subject to the new Regulation 12, Rule 12. The hearing will be held in the 7th floor Board Room of the District Office, 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco. **District Board meetings commence at 9:45 a.m.**

The proposed new rule will reduce emissions from flares at petroleum refineries by minimizing the frequency and magnitude of flaring. It will:

- Require development of refinery specific plans to minimize flaring;
- Require prompt notification and detailed investigation of emergency flaring;
- Allow flaring in emergency situations where necessary to prevent accident, hazards or release of vent gas into the atmosphere;
- Require continuous monitoring of flare water seals; and
- Ensure continuous improvement in minimizing flaring.

Proposed Regulation 12, Rule 12, the proposed amendments to Regulation 8, Rule 2, and a draft Environmental Impact Report are available on the District's web site at http://www.baaqmd.gov/pln/ruledev/regulatory_public_hearings.asp. Copies of these documents may also be requested by calling Lilia Martinez at (415) 749-4664.

Comments on the proposed rule(s) or draft EIR should be directed to Alex Ezersky, Principal Air Quality Specialist, Bay Area Air Quality Management District, 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco, California, 94109, telephone (415) 749-4650, fax (415) 749-4741, or e-mail at aezersky@baaqmd.gov. The draft EIR was made available by publication and posting on the District's website on May 27, 2005 and written comments on the draft EIR will be accepted until 5:00 pm Monday June 27, 2005. **Written comments on the regulatory proposals will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 12, 2005.**

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