

# PUBLIC WORKSHOP NOTICE

February 26, 2004

**TO: INTERESTED PARTIES**  
**FROM: EXECUTIVE OFFICER/APCO**  
**SUBJECT: PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO REGULATION 3 FEES**

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On **Friday, March 19, 2004, starting at 10:00 AM**, the staff of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District will conduct a public workshop to discuss proposed amendments to District Regulation 3: Fees, and to solicit and receive public comment on the proposed amendments. The workshop will be held in the 7<sup>th</sup> floor Board of Directors meeting room at the **District's office located at 939 Ellis Street in San Francisco.**

The District is proposing to increase all District fees, with the exception of Title V fees, by approximately 1.9 percent, which corresponds to the increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the California Bay Area (San Francisco, Oakland and San Jose) for the year 2003. A larger increase in Title V annual fees (i.e., for facilities with Major Facility Review or Synthetic Minor permits) of 20 percent is proposed because the District's costs related to this program are much higher than the fees currently collected. Overall, the proposed fee increases are expected to increase the District's total fee revenues by about 3 percent, or \$546,000. The proposed effective date of the amendments would be July 1, 2004.

The proposed amendments are being made in accordance with the KPMG Cost Recovery Study, dated February 16, 1999, which recommended that the District begin a program to increase District fee revenues to more closely cover the actual costs of the associated activities. This program includes an annual review of fee revenue and program costs and, at a minimum, a CPI adjustment of fees at the beginning of each fiscal year to account for inflation.

The following additional amendments to the District's fee regulation are proposed:

- a. Eliminate fees for transferring permits to operate due to owner/operator changes.
- b. Raise the minimum up-front fee for Waters Bill public notifications from \$914 to \$2000 per application. Add a provision to refund any portion of this fee that exceeds the actual costs to prepare and distribute the public notice.
- c. Require that the appellants of third party Hearing Board appeals pay court reporter fees of \$114 or the cost per day if the hearing is solely dedicated to one Docket. The cost for the Hearing Board to have a court reporter present at the hearings is currently \$200 for a half-day and \$300 for a full day.
- d. Change the fees for decorative chrome plating operations that have a permitted capacity of less than 500,000 amp-hours per year from Schedule G-1 to Schedule F, thereby reducing permit to operate fees for affected sources from \$543 to \$130.

- e. Add a specific fee of \$179 for mechanical floor mastic removal operations that have now become subject to District Regulation 11, Rule 2: Asbestos Demolition, Renovation, and Manufacturing.
- f. Increase application fees for synthetic minor operating permits, and Major Facility Review (MFR) permits, and application fees to revise these permits, to more accurately reflect the District's costs of evaluating and processing these applications. These increased application fees will increase annual fee revenue by an estimated \$30,000.

**Visit the District's Website for More Information**

This notice, the proposed amendments to Regulation 3, and a draft staff report are available on the District's website at [www.baaqmd.gov](http://www.baaqmd.gov). Copies are also available by calling the Engineering Division at (415) 749-4990. Staff will discuss the proposed amendments at the workshop but will also receive written comments until Friday, April 2, 2004. Please direct comments or questions to Brian Bateman, the District's Director of Engineering, at (415) 749-4653, or electronically at [bbateman@baaqmd.gov](mailto:bbateman@baaqmd.gov).

**PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION**

**MUNI -- #47 AND 49 NORTH AND SOUTH ON VAN NESS AVENUE**

**BART -- CIVIC CENTER STATION 8<sup>TH</sup> AND MARKET STREETS**

Attendees are encouraged to ride public transit, rideshare, bicycle, walk or use other non-motorized modes to and from the workshops.