



PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

November 7, 2005

TO: INTERESTED PARTIES
FROM: EXECUTIVE OFFICER / APCO
SUBJECT: **PUBLIC HEARING: PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO REGULATION 8, RULE 28: EPISODIC RELEASES FROM PRESSURE RELIEF DEVICES AT PETROLEUM REFINERIES AND CHEMICAL PLANTS**

On **Wednesday, December 7, 2005**, the Board of Directors of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District will conduct a public hearing to consider adoption of proposed amendments to **Regulation 8: Organic Compounds, Rule 28: Episodic Releases from Pressure Relief Devices at Petroleum Refineries and Chemical Plants**, and to consider approval of a CEQA Negative Declaration. 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.**

Regulation 8, Rule 28 regulates emissions to the atmosphere from pressure relief valves and other pressure relief devices (PRDs) in petroleum refineries and chemical plants. The proposed amendments will:

- Require facilities to ensure that they have the capability to detect and quantify all release events and require facilities to demonstrate this capability to the District;
- Require data recording and recordkeeping for venting and emissions verification;
- Clearly define the equipment subject to the rule as the process unit to ensure that the original intent of the rule is clarified;
- Require facilities to report to the District their analysis of the root causes and potential corrective actions after each PRD release event;
- Make minor, non-substantive changes to the rule such as deleting obsolete references to "turnarounds," moving requirements where appropriate, and clarifying various sections of the rule.

The proposed amendments to Regulation 8, Rule 28 and the draft California Environmental Quality Act Negative Declaration 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 and draft Negative Declaration should be directed to Victor Douglas, Senior Air Quality Engineer, Bay Area Air Quality Management District, 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco, California, 94109, telephone (415) 749-4752, fax (415) 749-4741, or e-mail at vdouglas@baaqmd.gov. **Written comments on the regulatory proposal and draft Negative Declaration will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 28, 2005.**

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