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California Environmental Quality Act

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT NEGATIVE DECLARATION

LEAD AGENCY: Bay Area Air Quality Management District

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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT NEGATIVE DECLARATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 21092 AND 21092.3 OF THE PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE AND CEQA GUIDELINES SECTION 15072

Project Title: Amendments to: Regulation 9, Rule 9: Nitrogen Oxides from Stationary Gas Turbines.

Project Location: The rules and proposed amendments apply within the Bay Area Air Quality Management District ("District"), which includes all of Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, and Santa Clara counties, and the southern portions of Solano and Sonoma counties.

Project Description: The District has regulatory authority over stationary sources of air pollution in the San Francisco Bay Area. Regulation 9, Rule 9 sets emission limits for nitrogen oxides (NOx) from stationary gas turbines in order to reduce ozone forming emissions to the atmosphere. The rule requires turbines to meet various emission limits depending on their size, fuel type, and amount of usage. Gas turbines are used to supply commercial electrical power, mechanical power, and steam used within various industries such as petroleum refineries. The proposed amendments will implement control measure SS-14 from the Bay Area 2005 Ozone Strategy. The proposed amendments:

- Categorize turbines by heat input rating rather than megawatt output;
- Set more stringent emission limits for some categories;
- Provide for a new measure of compliance, pounds NOx per megawatt-hour; and
- Provide up to 400 hours operating time per year before new limits go into effect.

In addition, the proposed amendments provide new definitions; administrative, recordkeeping and monitoring requirements; and test methods where necessary to clarify and enforce the new provisions in the rule.

Negative Declaration: A copy of the Negative Declaration is available for review on the District's website at http://www.baaqmd.gov/pln/ruledev/regulatory_public_hearings.htm and at the District office at 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco.

Written comments on the Negative Declaration must be addressed to Guy Gimlen, Bay Area Air Quality Management District, 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco, California, 94109 or to ggimlen@baaqmd.gov. The review period for the Negative Declaration is from November 6, 2006 until Monday, November 27, 2006. All comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 27, 2006.

Public Hearing: On Wednesday, December 6, 2006 at 9:45 a.m., the Board of Directors of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) will conduct a public hearing to consider adoption of proposed amendments to Regulation 9, Rule 9: Nitrogen Oxides from Stationary Gas Turbines and to consider adoption of the Negative Declaration. The hearing will be held in the 7th floor Board Room of the District Office, 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco.