



BAY AREA
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DISTRICT

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

April 14, 2005

TO: INTERESTED PARTIES
FROM: AIR POLLUTION CONTROL OFFICER
SUBJECT: **PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE MANUAL OF PROCEDURES, VOLUME III: LABORATORY METHODS, and APPROVAL OF A NOTICE OF EXEMPTION FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)**

On **Wednesday, May 18, 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 the Manual of Procedures, Volume III, Laboratory Methods and approval of a Notice of Exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The hearing will be held in the 7th floor Board Room at the District Office, located at 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco. The Board meeting will commence at 9:45 a.m.

Amendments to the Manual of Procedures, Volume III, Laboratory Methods, are being proposed to incorporate advances in analytical equipment, add clarity, improve accuracy, reduce expenses and respond to comments by EPA technical staff.

The District has determined that these amendments to the Manual of Procedures, Volume III, Laboratory Methods, are exempt from provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq.) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines, Sections 15061, subd. (b)(3). Adoption of the proposed amendments will not have any environmental impact. Laboratory methods are detailed means used to enforce standards for which an environmental impact analysis has already been conducted; they do not establish new standards nor amend existing standards. The District intends to file a Notice of Exemption pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines, Section 15062.

This notice, the proposed amendments to the Manual of Procedures, Volume III, Laboratory Methods and a draft staff report are available on the District's website at www.baaqmd.gov. Copies are also available by calling Ms. Cleofina David at (415) 749-4622. Written comments on the proposal should be directed to Ms. Cleofina David, Bay Area Air Quality Management District, 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco, California 94109, or by e-mail to c david@baaqmd.gov. **Written comments must be received by the District prior to 5:00 p.m. on May 9, 2005.**