



BAY AREA  
AIR QUALITY  
MANAGEMENT  
DISTRICT

# PUBLIC NOTICE

September 27, 2006

TO: Parents or guardians of children enrolled at the following school(s):

**Crittenden Middle School**

All residential and business neighbors located within 1,000 feet of the proposed new or modified source(s) of air pollution listed below.

FROM: Bay Area Air Quality Management District

RE: Permit Application for the following source(s) of air pollution:

**Change of Conditions for S-2 Methanol Wash and  
S-4, S-6, S-9, and S-11 Wipe Cleaning Operations at:  
Spectra Physics Lasers  
1335 Terra Bella Avenue  
Mountain View, CA 94043**

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The Bay Area Air Quality Management District (the “District”) is a local agency that regulates stationary sources of air pollution such as factories, industrial sites, and gasoline stations.

Whenever we receive a permit application for a new or modified source(s) of toxic air contaminants located within 1,000 feet of a school site, State law requires that we notify the public. To comply with this requirement, we distribute or mail a Public Notice to the parents or guardians of students enrolled at schools located within ¼ mile, and all residents and businesses located within 1,000 feet, of the proposed source(s).

You are receiving this Public Notice because a permit application has been filed with the District for the above referenced source(s) of air pollution. A description of the proposed project follows:

**Spectra-Physics Lasers** has applied for a change of conditions (to Condition # 22622) to increase their 12 month usage of methanol from 335 to 700 gallons and to add the ability to use up to 100 gallons of isopropanol per year for sources S-2 Methanol Wash and S-4, S-6, S-9, and S-11 Wipe Cleaning Operations. To allow the operating flexibility to switch from using a precursor organic compound (POC) to a non-precursor organic compound (NPOC), allowable acetone (a NPOC) use will be also increased an equivalent amount.

**The District has determined that the increase in health risks resulting from toxic air contaminant emissions from the proposed source(s) are within acceptable levels, and that the project will comply with all other applicable air pollution control requirements. Accordingly, the District plans to issue a Permit to Operate for the proposed project.**

If you are interested in getting more information on the District's evaluation of this proposed project, you may request copies of the applicable staff report(s) by calling the District at the telephone number listed at the end of this notice. This information also can be viewed or downloaded from the District website at:

[http://www.baaqmd.gov/pmt/public\\_notices/2006/index.htm](http://www.baaqmd.gov/pmt/public_notices/2006/index.htm)

*PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD*

**There is a 30-day period for public response to this proposal. If you wish to comment on the proposed project, you may do so in writing or by e-mail. Alternatively, you may call and leave a telephone message up to one minute in length. Please leave your name and telephone number so that a District staff member may respond to your message.**

Please use the following contact information if you would like to comment on the proposed project:

Mailing address: Spectra Physics Lasers Notice Response  
BAAQMD  
Engineering Division  
939 Ellis Street  
San Francisco, CA 94109  
Attn: Carol Lee

E-mail address: <mailto:clee@baaqmd.gov>

Telephone Number: (415) 749-4907

The public comment period for this project ends on **October 26, 2006.**