

**WORKSHOP NOTICE AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS
BAY AREA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
CONCEPT PAPER AND DRAFT IMPLEMENTATION PROCEDURES
DOCUMENT FOR REGULATION 11: HAZARDOUS POLLUTANTS,
RULE 18: REDUCTION OF RISK FROM AIR TOXIC EMISSIONS
AT EXISTING FACILITIES**

Notice is hereby given that the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (Air District) will conduct a public workshop to present, discuss, and receive comments on a Concept Paper for amendments to Regulation 11: Hazardous Pollutants, Rule 18: Reduction of Risk from Air Toxic Emissions at Existing Facilities (Rule 11-18) and a draft Implementation Procedures document for the rule.

Workshop

The workshop will be conducted virtually via webcast on **February 15, 2024, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM**. A web link to join the workshop will be available on the Air District's website, at <https://www.baaqmd.gov/community-health/facility-risk-reduction-program>, at least 5 minutes before the start of the workshop.

For language interpretation, contact Brian Butler at bbutler@baaqmd.gov or 415-749-8734 at least 72 hours before the workshop.

- Para información en español, llame al 415-749-4609
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Request for Comments

The public workshop notice, Concept Paper, and draft Implementation Procedures document are available on the Air District's website at <https://www.baaqmd.gov/community-health/facility-risk-reduction-program> and at the Air District's headquarters at 375 Beale St., Suite 600, San Francisco, CA 94105 during regular business hours. Copies also may be requested from the Air District via email at Rule11-18@baaqmd.gov.

Comments on both the Concept Paper and the draft Implementation Procedures document for Rule 11-18 will be accepted from December 31, 2023 through 11:59 PM on February 29, 2024 and should be directed to Alexander Sohn via email at Rule11-18@baaqmd.gov, by mail, or physical delivery during regular business hours, at 375 Beale St., Suite 600, San Francisco, CA 94105, or via voicemail at 415-749-4653. Comments may also be submitted at the Public Workshop.

Background

Rule 11-18 was adopted by the Air District in 2017 to address facilities whose emissions of toxic air contaminants result in a significant risk to nearby residents and workers. The purpose of Rule 11-18 is to focus on existing facilities causing the highest health impacts across the Bay Area and require these facilities to reduce those impacts.

Concerns were raised by committee members and environmental groups at multiple Stationary Source and Climate Impact Committee meetings and by community members at AB 617 Community Steering Committee meetings regarding delays in rule implementation and risk reduction progress, including delays in the finalization of health risk assessments (HRAs) and Risk Reduction Plan (RRP) development, submission, and approvals.

The Concept Paper provides potential amendments to Rule 11-18 that may help expedite the emissions inventory review (a crucial step in developing HRAs), HRA process, and RRP approval steps, as well as other changes that may improve implementation of this rule. In addition, the Air District is proposing to adopt an Implementation Procedures document for Rule 11-18 to eliminate ambiguity and increase transparency associated with the implementation of the rule. An updated list of Tier 1 and Tier 2 facilities that are subject to the rule will also be provided.

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