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Fall Marsh Management Fire Ends

The permissive burn period for fall "Marsh Management" ends on Saturday, October 15, 2006, according to the Bay Area Air Quality Management District.

Open burning is regulated because of its potential impact on air quality. Certain fires for agricultural purposes, flood control, fire training and the prevention of fire hazards are allowed for specified periods throughout the year.

Marsh management fires can only take place on a burn day as determined by the Air District. Air District meteorologists forecast Burn/No Burn days by 3 PM for the following day. The information is recorded on the Air District's toll-free number at 1- 800- 435-7247. The Air District's open burning regulation (Regulation 5) can be downloaded at www.baaqmd.gov. Follow the links under "Air Status / Technical Data."

Open burning rules apply to the entire Bay Area, including Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, southwestern Solano and southern Sonoma counties.

For additional information about marsh burning requirements in the Air District, please call Janet Simon, Air Quality Specialist, at (415) 749-4780.

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