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## **Air District to host final open house for new draft refinery rules**

**SAN FRANCISCO** - On Monday, September 28, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District is hosting the last of a series of open houses to discuss the agency's four new and amended draft petroleum refinery emissions reduction rules.

Bay Area refineries are already subject to some of the strictest regulations in the country. However, as part of the Air District's Refinery Emissions Reduction Strategy, the agency is developing and amending a suite of regulations in an effort to further reduce emissions of key air pollutants from Bay Area refineries by 20 percent, or as much as feasible, by 2020.

The open house events were organized to offer community members and other stakeholders an opportunity to learn about the air quality benefits of this first set of rules, ask questions and provide comments.

Videos that summarize each of the rules can be viewed at:

- Rule 11-10 - <https://youtu.be/Uex30u3w2Go>
- Rule 6-5 - <https://youtu.be/KWVeX5QfjVg>
- Rule 9-14 - <https://youtu.be/5nyZBBZ3-E4>
- Rule 8-18 - <https://youtu.be/XacoG-7qOQ>

The first two open houses were held in Martinez, on September 15, and Benicia, on September 17. The final open house will be held on September 28 in Richmond at the following location and time:

**Richmond**  
Monday, September 28  
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
Lincoln Elementary School  
29 Sixth Street

This open house will cover the first set of four proposed regulations in the Refinery Emissions Reduction Strategy:

- **New Regulation 6, Rule 5: Fluid Catalytic Cracking Units** would limit ammonia emissions from fluid catalytic cracking units, in order to reduce associated formation of fine particulate matter.
- **Amended Regulation 8, Rule 18: Equipment Leaks** would further reduce emissions of organic compounds, toxics and methane by broadening the equipment leak standards to include all equipment handling heavy liquids.

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- **New Regulation 9, Rule 14: Petroleum Coke Calcining** would reduce sulfur dioxide from coke calcining processes, which would also reduce particulate matter formation.
- **Amended Regulation 11, Rule 10: Cooling Towers** would reduce emissions of organic compounds, toxics and methane by requiring the rapid detection, minimization and repair of leaks.

The Air District welcomes comments and questions about the draft rules at any time before, during or after the final open house until the deadline for public comments closes on **Friday, October 2, 2015**.

If you cannot attend an open house, you can review the proposed new rules and supporting documents at <http://www.baaqmd.gov/ruleworkshops> and submit public comments electronically to Greg Nudd at [gnudd@baaqmd.gov](mailto:gnudd@baaqmd.gov) or call 415-749-4786.

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District ([www.baaqmd.gov](http://www.baaqmd.gov)) is the regional agency responsible for protecting air quality in the nine-county Bay Area.

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