

This Advisory is provided to inform you about activities of the District that may affect your operation. It is intended to assist you in your effort to achieve and maintain compliance with applicable air pollution rules and regulations.

ATTENTION: PETROLEUM REFINERIES

SUBJECT: NEW FLARING NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

On July 20, 2005, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) Board of Directors adopted Regulation 12, Rule 12: Flares at Petroleum Refineries, to reduce emissions from flares at petroleum refineries by minimizing the frequency and magnitude of flaring.

Effective August 20, 2005, pursuant to Section 12-12-405, refinery owners or operators must notify the District as soon as possible, consistent with safe operation of the refinery, if the volume of vent gas flared exceeds 500,000 standard cubic feet (SCFM) per calendar day. Vent gas is defined as any gas directed to a flare, excluding assisting air or steam, pilot or continuous purge gas. This requirement applies based on the flow to any flare or to a combined flaring system (e.g., a cascading flare system or a flare system with a common header).

Notifications

Electronic Delivery:

Notification of flaring events can be sent electronically to the "Flare Notification" E-mail box at flarenotification@baaqmd.gov. While the District strongly encourages electronic notifications, notice may also be provided by fax to (415) 928-0338 or by telephone to (415) 749-4979.

Information to be included:

The following information must be included in each notification:

- A subject line indicating the purpose of the E-mail to be a "Flare Notification Report"
- The Refinery BAAQMD Site Number
- Flare source name and number
- Start date and time of the flaring event
- End date and time of the flaring event. If flaring is still underway at the time the notification is required, the refinery owner must submit an initial E-mail noting the event to be ongoing. Additionally, a subsequent E-mail update is required by the District indicating the end date and time of the flaring event.

Format to be Used:

The notification format must be consistent with the following example:

REFINERY SITE NUMBER: A1234
FLARE SOURCE NAME: Flare 1
FLARE SOURCE NUMBER: 1111
START DATE: 11/04/05
START TIME: 0345 HOURS
END DATE: 11/04/05 (or "Ongoing" where end date is unknown)
END TIME: 2115 HOURS (or "Ongoing" where end time is unknown)

If you have any further needs, please contact the District at the following numbers:

- ☎ For compliance assistance, call (415) 749-4999, the Compliance Counselor Hotline.
- ☎ For questions about this advisory contact Douglas Tolar, Air Quality Specialist at (415) 749-5118 or dtolar@baaqmd.gov.

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