



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

ATTENTION: MARSH BURNERS

SUBJECT: NEW PROCEDURES FOR SPRING MARSH BURNING

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District (District) is proposing to change procedures to better serve marsh burning requests. District staff has conducted a study indicating that for the past three years there have not been any requests to burn marsh acreage on burn days in February. Also, for the past three years, burners have requested and received a burn extension into the first two weeks of April.

Based on this analysis, the District is proposing to extend the 2006 Spring Marsh Burn Season through April 30. This season was originally scheduled to end on March 31.

Marsh burners will continue to follow the current burn permit and smoke management plan approval procedures. For all marsh burns, burners must also comply with the following two requirements:

- New Requirement - Marsh burners must call (415) 749-4915 by 12:00 noon on the day before the intended burn date and leave a message with the property name and acreage amount to be burned. This call will initiate the additional forecasting work necessary to allocate marsh burning acreage for the following day. No return call will be made by the District.
- Existing Requirement - Marsh burners must continue to call (415) 749-4600 between 8:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. on the morning of the planned burn and prior to ignition to receive their acreage allocation.

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



For compliance assistance, call (415) 749-4999, the Compliance Counselor Hotline.



For further questions regarding this advisory or District Regulation 5, email Janet Simon, Air Quality Specialist at jsimon@baaqmd.gov or call (415) 749-4780.

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