



NOTICE OF PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF PETROLEUM REFINERY FLARE MINIMIZATION PLAN (FMP) ANNUAL UPDATES

August 4, 2015

BAY AREA TO: INTERESTED PARTIES
AIR QUALITY FROM: AIR POLLUTION CONTROL OFFICER
MANAGEMENT SUBJECT: **PETROLEUM REFINERY FLARE MINIMIZATION
PLAN ANNUAL UPDATES AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC
REVIEW AND COMMENT**
DISTRICT

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District (Air District) is releasing the Flare Minimization Plan (FMP) Annual Updates for public review and comment. The five Bay Area petroleum refineries prepared these plans subject to Regulation 12, Rule 12: Flares at Petroleum Refineries.

Under Regulation 12-12, each FMP Annual Update must include:

- New prevention measures identified during investigations of flaring events that occurred during the period July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014;
- A description of the prevention measures previously taken or currently planned to reduce flare emissions at the refinery; and
- Commitment to implement all new feasible prevention measures expeditiously.

How to Access FMP Annual Updates

The plan updates can be obtained from any of the following sources:

- At the Air District offices at 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco, California
- On the Air District website (www.baaqmd.gov)
- At the reference desk at public libraries in the following cities: Martinez, Concord, Benicia, San Pablo, Rodeo, El Cerrito, El Sobrante, Pinole, Hercules, Richmond and Crockett
- By request by calling (415) 749-4999. A copy will be mailed out.

Public Comment Period

Each refinery's FMP Annual Update is now available for review and public comment. The 30-day public review period begins August 4, 2015 and ends September 2, 2015. Comments on any of the Flare Minimization Plan Annual Updates must be submitted no later than September 2, 2015.

How to Submit Comments

Comments can be submitted the following ways:

- Mail to BAAQMD–FMP Update Public Comment, 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco, CA 94109
- Email to compliance@baaqmd.gov.

Note: Be sure to identify which refinery, or refineries, your comment is applicable to.

After consideration of public comments received, the District will evaluate each refinery's Flare Minimization Plan Annual Update to determine whether it meets the requirements of Regulation 12-12 and will take final action in accordance with the regulation.

For any additional information, please visit the District website at www.baaqmd.gov or contact Edward Giacometti, Air Quality Specialist, at (415) 749-8414 or email egiacometti@baaqmd.gov.