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**California Environmental Quality Act
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
FOR PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO BAAQMD NEW SOURCE REVIEW
AND TITLE V PERMITTING REGULATIONS**

**BAAQMD Regulation 2, Rule 1: General Requirements
BAAQMD Regulation 2, Rule 2: New Source Review
BAAQMD Regulation 2, Rule 4: Emissions Banking
BAAQMD Regulation 2, Rule 6: Major Facility Review**

Interested Agencies, Organizations and Individuals:

Subject: Notice is hereby given pursuant to California Public Resources Code §§ 21091, 21092, 21092.2, and 21092.3, and CEQA Guidelines §§ 15086 and 15087, that the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD or District), as lead agency, has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) in connection with the project described in this notice.

Project Title: Proposed Amendments to BAAQMD New Source Review (NSR) and Title V Permitting Regulations.

Project Location: The proposed amendments will apply within the jurisdiction of the BAAQMD, which includes all of Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, and Santa Clara counties, and the southern portions of Solano and Sonoma counties.

Project Description: The BAAQMD is proposing to amend its New Source Review and Title V permitting regulations. The proposed amendments will update the District's current NSR and Title V permitting regulations to reflect recent regulatory developments, among other changes. The principal changes that would be made by the proposed amendments include:

- Adding new NSR and Title V permitting requirements for fine particulate matter (specifically, particulate matter with an aerodynamic diameter of less than 2.5 microns, or "PM_{2.5}") and for greenhouse gases (GHGs).
- Revising the "Prevention of Significant Deterioration" (PSD) permitting program – an important sub-element of the NSR program – in District regulations for approval by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).
- Expanding the applicability provisions for NSR permitting to satisfy current EPA requirements.
- Expanding the requirements for NSR permit applicants to demonstrate that their projects will not contribute to violations of national ambient air quality standards.
- Expanding the public notice and comment provisions for NSR permitting.
- Non-substantive revisions to reorganize and clarify the regulatory language to make it easier to understand and implement.
- Other miscellaneous revisions and updates to various regulatory provisions.

Probable Environmental Impacts: The proposed amendments to the District's NSR and Title V permitting programs in Regulation 2 are intended to and expected to benefit public health and the environment. In particular, the proposed amendments will add new permitting requirements for PM_{2.5} and GHGs, which will help implement regulatory efforts to reduce emissions of these important air pollutants. The District has evaluated the potential for the proposed amendments to result in any significant adverse environmental impacts in the Draft EIR. The Draft EIR concludes that the project will not cause any significant adverse environmental impacts.

Public Hearing: A public hearing to consider adoption of the proposed amendments and to consider certification of the Environmental Impact Report will be scheduled for November 7, 2012, at 9:45 a.m., in the 7th floor Board room at District headquarters, 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco, California.

DRAFT EIR AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION ARE AVAILABLE AT:

Bay Area Air Quality Management District
939 Ellis Street
San Francisco, CA 94109

Or by Calling:
415-749-4689

And electronically at: www.baaqmd.gov/Divisions/Engineering/Proposed-Reg-2-Changes.aspx.

Public Review and Comment Period: The District requests comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Report. Comments should be addressed to Ms. Carol Lee, Bay Area Air Quality Management District, 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco CA, 94109. Comments may also be sent via fax to 415-749-5030 or by e-mail to clee@baaqmd.gov. Comments must be received during the comment period from September 7, 2012 until 5:00 pm on October 22, 2012.