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Publication Notice: CEQA Guidelines Update

Revised CEQA Thresholds Report Released!

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District has released a Revised Draft CEQA Thresholds Options and Justification Report for public comment. This report provides the substantial evidence and justification for District-recommended thresholds of significance. In addition, some of the District-recommended thresholds in the September 2009 Draft CEQA Guidelines have been revised. These revisions were based on stakeholder input received at the recent public workshops. The Draft CEQA Guidelines will be amended to reflect these changes.

The impact areas with revised thresholds are as follows:

- Greenhouse Gas Threshold for Construction (Project and Plan Level)
- Local Community Risks and Hazards Threshold for Operations in Siting New Sources or Receptors (Project and Plan Level)
- Local Community Risks and Hazards Cumulative Threshold for Construction and Operations in Siting a New Source or Receptor

Visit our website for more information: The revised Thresholds Report and a summary table listing the most current thresholds of significance have been posted on our website. Other related documents, including the September 2009 Draft CEQA Guidelines, are available as well. Certain significance thresholds in the September 2009 Draft CEQA Guidelines are superseded by the revised thresholds in the Thresholds Report and summary table.

The public comment period for the Thresholds Report and Draft Guidelines has been extended to October 26, 2009. Air District staff will then evaluate comments received, make appropriate revisions, and propose CEQA thresholds of significance to the Board of Directors at the November 18, 2009 meeting (anticipated).

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