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Air District Implements Greenhouse Gas Fee

Bay Area Program is First of its Kind in California

San Francisco - Today the Bay Area Air Quality Management District's Board of Directors approved a measure that would apply a new fee to air pollution sources in the region to help defray the costs of the District's climate protection work.

Industrial facilities and businesses that are currently required to submit an air quality permit to operate will have the modest fee of 4.4 cents per metric ton of greenhouse gas emissions added to their permit bill.

"Air pollution in the Bay Area has been successfully regulated on the local level for over five decades," said Air District Executive Officer Jack Broadbent. "The inclusion of greenhouse gas fees is a new tool that we expect other air districts will also adopt to help fund their mandated climate protection activities."

The District expects it will collect approximately \$1.3 million in annual fees that will be used to recover the costs of climate protection activities from its core programs, including environmental review, air pollution regulations and emissions inventory development.

The Air District has the legal authority to assess fees to recover its costs related to stationary sources of pollution. Most facilities will be assessed one dollar or less annually; higher fees will be assessed to the largest producers of greenhouse gases, including oil refineries, power plants and other industrial and commercial pollution facilities.

More information on the Air District Climate Protection fee structure can be found at: www.baaqmd.gov/pln/ruledev/3/2008/0300_sr&dr_052008.pdf

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District is committed to achieving clean air to protect the public's health and the environment. For more information, visit www.baaqmd.gov.

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