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California Environmental Quality Act

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT NEGATIVE DECLARATION

LEAD AGENCY: Bay Area Air Quality Management District

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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT NEGATIVE DECLARATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 21092 AND 21092.3 OF THE PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE AND CEQA GUIDELINES SECTION 15072

Project Title: Proposed Amendments to Regulation 8, Rule 3: Architectural Coatings

Project Location: The rules and proposed amendments apply within the Bay Area Air Quality Management District ("District"), 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 District has regulatory authority over stationary sources of air pollution in the San Francisco Bay Area. Regulation 8, Rule 3 sets volatile organic compound (VOC) emission limits for architectural coatings. Architectural coatings include house paints, stains, primers, roof coatings, waterproofing sealers, and industrial maintenance coatings. Architectural coatings are used for aesthetics, for protection, and for labeling on stationary structures such as buildings, fences, and roadways.

The proposed amendments reduce VOC limits for flat, non-flat and high gloss coatings. Also, the proposed VOC limits in the following specialty categories will be reduced: aluminum roof coatings; basement specialty coatings; bituminous roof coatings; concrete/masonry sealers; driveway sealers; dry fog coatings; floor coatings; mastic texture coatings, primers, sealers and undercoaters; roof coatings; rust preventative coatings; specialty primer, sealers and undercoaters; traffic marking coatings; waterproofing membranes and zinc-rich primer. The new VOC limits would become effective for coatings manufactured on January 1, 2011; except that the limits for rust preventative coatings and specialty primers, sealers and undercoaters would become effective on January 1, 2012.

Negative Declaration: A copy of the Negative Declaration is available for review on the District's website at http://www.baaqmd.gov/pln/ruledev/regulatory_public_hearings.htm and at the District office at 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco.

Written comments on the Negative Declaration must be addressed to:

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Comments also can be sent by fax to (415) 749-4741 or by e-mail to vdouglas@baaqmd.gov.

Comments on the negative declaration will be received from Friday, May 22, 2009 until 5:00 pm on Friday, June 12, 2009.

Public Hearing: On Wednesday, July 1, 2009 at 9:45 a.m., the Board of Directors of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District will conduct a public hearing to consider proposed amendments to Regulation 8, Rule 3: Architectural Coatings; and the adoption of a Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The hearing will be held in the 7th floor Board Room of the District Office, 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco.