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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 50: Polyester Resin Operations.

Project Location: The rule 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 50 regulates volatile organic compound (VOC) emissions from the composite products manufacturing industry by setting standards for application techniques, by limiting the amount of VOC in gel coats and cleaning products and by limiting the monomer content of polyester resins used for the manufacture and repair of watercraft, recreational vehicle bodies, kitchen and bathware products, architectural products, computer board parts, pipelines storage tanks and a variety of other composite products. The primary VOC emitted by polyester resin operations is styrene, a toxic air contaminant(TAC).

The proposed amendments to Regulation 8, Rule 50 will reduce VOC and TAC emissions in at least three ways: (1) by lowering the allowable monomer content limits for resins; (2) by establishing monomer content limits for gel coats that will reduce the allowable VOC emissions; and (3) by requiring the use of non-atomizing spray systems when resins are applied to open molds. In addition, the District proposes to reduce VOC emissions from cleaning products by lowering the allowable VOC content.

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 wsaltz@baaqmd.gov.

Comments on the negative declaration will be received from Monday, November 2, 2009 until 5:00 pm on Monday, November 23, 2009.

Public Hearing: On Wednesday, December 2, 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 adoption of proposed amendments to Regulation 8, Rule 50: Polyester Resin Operations 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.