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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 32: Wood Products Coatings; and Manual of Procedures, Volume I, Number 6: Emissions Averaging Procedure.

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 32 regulates volatile organic compound (VOC) emissions from the wood products manufacturing industry by setting standards for application techniques and the amount of VOC in coatings that can be used in surface preparation, coatings application, and cleanup for the manufacture of wood products, including furniture, bathroom vanities, kitchen cabinets, picture frames, outdoor speakers, architectural millwork, and other wood products.

The proposed amendments to Rule 32 will reduce VOC limits for some types of coatings used on the three types of wood products subject to VOC limitations in the rule: general wood products; wood furniture, custom cabinetry and custom architectural millwork; and custom furniture. The lower VOC limits would become effective July 1, 2010, and provide for alternative standards for each type of high-solids coating based on grams VOC per gram of coating solid. Effective July 1, 2010, the proposed amendments also set a 25 gram/liter VOC limit for solvent used for surface preparation and clean-up, require that VOC content be stated on labels of coatings and solvents manufactured on or after that date, and specifies compliance information to be included on product data sheets. Effective July 1, 2012, each wood products coating manufacturer will be required to estimate formaldehyde emissions generated by drying or curing of their coatings in the Bay Area. Other proposed amendments revise definitions and clarify compliance determination procedures. Proposed amendments to the Emissions Averaging Procedure incorporate EPA policies and update the procedure to reflect the proposed amendments to the rule.

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 on the negative declaration will be received from Thursday, July 2, 2009 until 5:00 pm on Wednesday, July 22, 2009.

Public Hearing: On Wednesday, August 5, 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 32: Wood Products Coatings; Manual of Procedures, Volume I, Number 6: Emissions Averaging Procedure; 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.