



PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

July 2, 2009

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DISTRICT

TO: INTERESTED PARTIES
FROM: EXECUTIVE OFFICER / APCO
SUBJECT: **PUBLIC HEARING: PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
REGULATION 8, RULE 32: WOOD PRODUCTS COATINGS;
AND MANUAL OF PROCEDURES, VOLUME I, NUMBER 6:
EMISSIONS AVERAGING PROCEDURE**

On **Wednesday, August 5, 2009**, 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 to consider 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. **District Board meetings commence at 9:45 a.m.**

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 coincide with the proposed amendments to the rule.

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code § 21000 et seq.), an initial study for the proposed amendments has been conducted, concluding that the proposed amendments would not have significant adverse environmental impacts. Notice is hereby given that the District intends to adopt a negative declaration for the amendments pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080(c) and CEQA Guidelines section 15070 et seq.

A hearing notice, a draft of the amended rules and staff report, a draft of the socioeconomic analysis, and the draft CEQA environmental checklist and negative declaration are available on the District's web site at http://www.baaqmd.gov/pln/ruledev/regulatory_public_hearings.htm at least 30 days before the public hearing, or may be requested by calling Guy Gimlen at (415) 749-4734.

Questions or comments related to the proposed amendments, staff report, socioeconomic analysis or CEQA analysis should be addressed to Guy Gimlen, Senior Air Quality Engineer, Bay Area Air Quality Management District, 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco, CA 94109. Comments also can be sent by fax to (415) 749-4734 or by e-mail to ggimlen@baaqmd.gov. Comments will be received until 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 22, 2009.