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DISTRICT

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

September 9, 2013

TO: INTERESTED PARTIES
FROM: EXECUTIVE OFFICER / APCO
SUBJECT: **PUBLIC HEARING: PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO REGULATION 9, RULE 10: NITROGEN OXIDES AND CARBON MONOXIDE FROM BOILERS, STEAM GENERATORS AND PROCESS HEATERS IN PETROLEUM REFINERIES**

On **Wednesday, October 16, 2013**, 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 9: Inorganic Gaseous Pollutants, Rule 10: Nitrogen Oxides and Carbon Monoxide from Boilers, Steam Generators and Process Heaters in Petroleum Refineries**, and also to consider adoption of a CEQA Negative Declaration. 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 9, Rule 10 sets emission limits for nitrogen oxides (NO_x) and carbon monoxide (CO) from boilers, steam generators and process heaters used in petroleum refineries in order to reduce ozone forming emissions to the atmosphere, and exposure to CO, a criteria air contaminant. The rule applies a refinery-wide, daily average NO_x limit of 0.033 pounds of NO_x per million BTU of heat input to most heaters. The proposed amendments:

- 1) Establish a new, voluntary alternative NO_x mass emission limit for heaters currently subject to the daily average NO_x limit of 0.033 pounds of NO_x per million BTU of heat input;
- 2) Increase continuous emissions monitoring systems (CEMS) coverage on the same heaters; and
- 3) Establish a new reporting requirement for refinery operators to provide data necessary to evaluate the cost-effectiveness of potential requirements for further emission reductions at refinery heaters.

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 California CEQA Guidelines section 15070 et seq.

The proposed amendments to Regulation 9, Rule 10, a staff report, a socioeconomic analysis, a CEQA environmental analysis and draft Negative Declaration are available on the District website at: <http://www.baaqmd.gov/Divisions/Planning-and-Research/Rule-Development/Current-Regulatory-Public-Hearings.aspx>.

Comments on the proposed amendments and the draft Negative Declaration may be directed to Julian Elliot, Senior Air Quality Engineer, Bay Area Air Quality Management District, 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco, California, 94109, or via e-mail at jelliot@baaqmd.gov. **Written comments on the regulatory proposal and Negative Declaration will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on Monday, September 30, 2013.**

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