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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: BAAQMD Regulation 9, Rule 14: Petroleum Coke Calcining

Project Location: The proposed rule applies 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. The proposed project is a new rule to address emissions of sulfur dioxide (SO₂) from petroleum coke calciners. The rule would also reduce the formation of fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}) associated with SO₂ emissions.

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

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

Written comments on the Negative Declaration must be addressed to: Greg Nudd, Manager – Rule Development, Bay Area Air Quality Management District, 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco, California, 94109. Comments also can be sent by e-mail to <mailto:gnudd@baaqmd.gov>. Comments on the negative declaration must be received by 5:00pm, Thursday, February 25, 2016.

Public Hearing: On Wednesday, March 16, 2016 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 the new and amended rule 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.