



**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
AND
CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT
NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT**

BAY AREA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

PROPOSED DISTRICT REGULATION 12: MISCELLANEOUS STANDARDS OF PERFORMANCE, RULE 15: PETROLEUM REFINING EMISSIONS TRACKING and RULE 16: PETROLEUM REFINING EMISSION LIMITS AND RISK THRESHOLDS

Notice is hereby given pursuant to California Health and Safety Code §40725 that the Board of Directors of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (“Air District”) will conduct a public hearing on December 16, 2015, at the District Headquarters’ Board Room, 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco, California, at 9:45 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, to consider adoption of two new rules, Regulation 12, Rule 15: Petroleum Refining Emissions Tracking, and Regulation 12, Rule 16: Petroleum Refining Emission Limits and Risk Thresholds.

Notice is also given pursuant to California Public Resources Code §21091, 21092, 21092.2, and 21092.3 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15085 and 15087 that the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, as lead agency, has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) in connection with the project described as proposed new District Regulation 12, Rule 15: Petroleum Refining Emissions Tracking and Regulation 12, Rule 16: Petroleum Refining Emission Limits and Risk Thresholds. The Board of Directors of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (“Air District”) will conduct a public hearing on December 16, 2015, at the District Headquarters’ Board Room, 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco, California, at 9:45 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, to consider certification of a project Final EIR.

Proposed new District Regulation 12, Rule 15 and Regulation 12, Rule 16 will apply within the Bay Area AQMD, 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.

The two new proposed rules would apply to the five Bay Area petroleum refineries and certain support facilities. Proposed new Regulation 12, Rule 15 would enhance the tracking of petroleum refinery emissions with enhanced emission inventories, determine crude oil composition over time, require additional air monitoring at refinery boundaries and in the surrounding communities, require that refineries provide certain information related to energy utilization, and require refineries to complete updated Health Risk Assessments (HRAs) utilizing the latest methodology and health effects data. Proposed new Regulation 12, Rule 16 would establish action levels for petroleum refinery toxic risk as estimated by the updated HRAs and

require that certain risk mitigation actions be taken, allow the Air District to establish refinery-wide emission limits for sulfur dioxide (SO₂) and fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}) and require refineries to establish that operation at these limits will not cause a local exceedance of the national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) for these pollutants, or else reduce the refinery-wide limits and possibly emissions as necessary to prevent local exceedances.

The Draft EIR concludes that the proposed new rules would result in 1) potentially significant unavoidable impacts on air quality (criteria pollutants) during construction activities for large-scale pollution control equipment, 2) potentially significant unavoidable impacts on greenhouse gas emissions during construction, and 3) potentially significant unavoidable impacts on hydrology and water quality (water demand) during operational activities for certain large-scale pollution control equipment. The potentially significant impacts related to air quality and greenhouse gas emissions require implementation of specified mitigation measures. Mitigation measures for the potentially significant impacts related to hydrology and water quality (e.g.: use of recycled or reclaimed water) may not be available.

The Draft EIR also concludes that potentially significant hazards and hazardous materials impacts during operation of certain types of air pollution control equipment may be mitigated to be less than significant through specified mitigation measures.

The Draft EIR is available at the District headquarters or on the District's website at <http://www.baaqmd.gov/rules-and-compliance/rule-development/meetings-and-public-hearings> or by request. Requests for copies of the Draft EIR should be directed to Jocelyn Orpia (jorpia@baaqmd.gov) at (415) 749-4763.

Comments relating to the environmental analysis in the Draft EIR should be addressed to Mr. Eric Stevenson, Bay Area Air Quality Management District, 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco, CA 94109. Comments may also be sent by e-mail to estevenson@baaqmd.gov. Comments on the Draft EIR will be accepted from October 9, 2015 until November 23, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

Copies of proposed Regulation 12, Rule 15 and Regulation 12, Rule 16, the staff report, and the socioeconomic analysis will be available at the District headquarters or on the District's website at <http://www.baaqmd.gov/rules-and-compliance/rule-development/meetings-and-public-hearings> no later than October 9, 2015.

Comments relating to the proposed regulations should be addressed to Mr. Eric Stevenson, Bay Area Air Quality Management District, 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco, CA 94109. Comments may also be sent by e-mail to estevenson@baaqmd.gov. Comments on the proposed regulations will be accepted October 9, 2015 until November 23, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

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