



BAY AREA
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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

June 20, 2018

TO: INTERESTED PARTIES
FROM: EXECUTIVE OFFICER / APCO
SUBJECT: **PUBLIC HEARING: PROPOSED NEW REGULATION 6, PARTICULATE MATTER—COMMON DEFINITIONS AND TEST METHODS; PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO REGULATION 6, RULE 1: GENERAL REQUIREMENTS; PROPOSED NEW REGULATION 6, RULE 6: PROHIBITION OF TRACKOUT; AND CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF THE NEGATIVE DECLARATION PURSUANT TO THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

On **Wednesday, August 1, 2018**, the Board of Directors of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District will conduct a public hearing at the Air District Headquarters' Board Room, 375 Beale Street, San Francisco, California, at 9:30 a.m.

The Board will consider adoption of

- New Regulation 6, Particulate Matter—Common Definitions and Test Methods;
- Proposed amendments to Regulation 6, Rule 1: General Requirements;
- New Regulation 6, Rule 6: Prohibition of Trackout; and
- A Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Proposed new Regulation 6 would provide common definitions and test methods that apply to existing Regulation 6 rules and any other source-specific rules as they are developed in the future. The Staff Report provides background information on new Regulation 6 and a summary of the rationale for updating Regulation 6, Rule 1 (Rule 6-1). Background research on Bay Area particulate matter emissions is provided in Attachment 1 of the report. A separate Staff Report provides supporting information specific to the proposed amendments to Rule 6-1. Requirements for

bulk material storage and handling facilities have been included in the proposed amendments to Rule 6-1.

A new Regulation 6, Rule 6: Prohibition of Trackout (Rule 6-6) is being proposed to prohibit trackout of dirt and other solids onto adjacent public roadways. A third Staff Report provides supporting information for proposed new Rule 6-6.

Proposed amendments to Rule 6-1 address a commitment by the Air District's Board of Directors to review Regulation 6, Rule 1: General Requirements, identified as Control Measure SS31 in the Air District's 2017 Clean Air Plan. Prior to the 2017 Clean Air Plan, Air District staff studied the Bay Area's particulate matter challenges and summarized the findings in a November 2012 report entitled Understanding Particulate Matter: Protecting Public Health in the San Francisco Bay Area. These proposed amendments to Regulation 6, Rule 1 and proposed Regulation 6, Rule 6 are the first of many steps needed to reduce particulate matter emissions and improve public health.

Proposed new Rule 6-6 will be considered with proposed new Regulation 6 and amendments to Rule 6-1 at the same Public Hearing on Wednesday, August 1, 2018. The proposed rules would apply throughout the nine-county jurisdiction of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District.

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code § 21000 et seq.), an Initial Study for the proposed regulations and amendments has been conducted, concluding that the proposals would not have significant adverse environmental impacts. Notice is hereby given that the Air District Board of Directors will consider adoption of a Negative Declaration for the proposed regulations and amendments pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080(c) and CEQA Guidelines section 15070 et seq. Written comments on the CEQA analysis are being accepted until close of business on Friday, July 6, 2018 and should be directed to Guy Gimlen at 375 Beale St., San Francisco, CA 94105 or ggimlen@baaqmd.gov. Verbal comments are welcome up to the day of, and during, the Public Hearing.

A Public Hearing Notice, the CEQA Initial Study and proposed Negative Declaration, text of the proposed regulations and amendments, staff reports and other supporting documents are available at the Air District's headquarters and in the Rules Under Development table on the Air District's website at <http://www.baaqmd.gov/ruledev>. Copies may also be requested by calling Guy Gimlen at (415) 749-4734, or via e-mail to ggimlen@baaqmd.gov. **Written comments on the proposed new rule and proposed amendments will be accepted until close of business on Friday, July 6, 2018** and should be directed to Guy Gimlen at 375 Beale St., San Francisco, CA 94105 or ggimlen@baaqmd.gov. Verbal comments are welcome up to the day of, and during, the Public Hearing.