

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

BAY AREA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO DISTRICT REGULATIONS ADDRESSING REFINERIES and APPROVAL OF THE FILING OF A NOTICE OF EXEMPTION FROM CEQA

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District will conduct a public hearing on November 3, 2021, in the first floor Board Room, 375 Beale Street, San Francisco, California, at 9:45 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, to consider adoption of proposed amendments to Regulations 3: Fees, 6: Particulate Matter, 8: Organic Compounds, 9: Inorganic Gaseous Pollutants, 11: Hazardous Pollutants, 12: Miscellaneous Standards of Performance, and to approve the filing of a Notice of Exemption from CEQA.

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District (Air District) is proposing administrative amendments to several regulations to ensure that rules currently applicable to petroleum refineries, which process crude oil into product fuels and other oil products, continue to apply to the same facilities after operations are modified to produce the products by processing alternative feedstocks, including those that are not derived from petroleum.

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Air District has concluded that the proposed amendments to Air District Regulations are exempt under CEQA guidelines Section 15301, Class 1. The rule amendments would involve negligible or no expansion of an existing use. The proposed changes will merely effectuate the original intent of the rules. Actual emissions will not increase. For the same reasons, the rulemaking is also exempt from CEQA pursuant to the common sense exemption described in CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), because it is certain the project will not have a significant effect on the environment. Air District Staff will file a Notice of Exemption with the County Clerk after adoption by the Board of Directors.

A hearing notice and the proposed amended rule will be available on the District's web site at <http://baaqmd.gov/refineryrulesdefinitions>, or by request, at least 30 days before the public hearing. Questions, comments, or requests for copies of the proposed rules should be directed to Ed Giacometti at (415) 749-8414, or via e-mail to egiacometti@baaqmd.gov.

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