



# WORKSHOP NOTICE

July 22, 2021

BAY AREA  
AIR QUALITY  
MANAGEMENT  
DISTRICT

TO: INTERESTED PARTIES  
FROM: EXECUTIVE OFFICER / APCO  
SUBJECT: **VIRTUAL PUBLIC WORKSHOP ON DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO REGULATION 2: PERMITS, RULE 1: GENERAL REQUIREMENTS AND RULE 5: NEW SOURCE REVIEW OF TOXIC AIR CONTAMINANTS**

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*NOTICE: The Air District is taking steps to ensure Bay Area air quality and public health are protected while public health orders in San Francisco and other Bay Area counties are in place. This includes closing our 375 Beale Street office in San Francisco until further notice. For more information, please visit our website:*

<https://www.baaqmd.gov/news-and-events/page-resources/2020-news/air-district-operations>.

The staff of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (Air District) will conduct a virtual public workshop to present, discuss, and receive comments on draft amendments to Regulation 2: Permits, Rule 1: General Requirements (Rule 2-1) and Rule 5: New Source Review of Toxic Air Contaminants (Rule 2-5). This workshop will be presented using Zoom. Information to access the virtual workshop is described below, and workshop materials will follow. Workshop materials will be posted on the Air District's Regulation 2 Amendments web page: <https://www.baaqmd.gov/reg-2-permits>

**Tuesday, August 24, 2021**

**6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

To join via web browser: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89096015366>

To join via phone: +1 669 900 6833

Meeting ID: 890 9601 5366

- For language interpretation, contact Aneesh Rana at [arana@baaqmd.gov](mailto:arana@baaqmd.gov), or 415-749-4914 at least 72 hours before the workshop.
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## BACKGROUND

Air District staff is evaluating potential changes to two rules—Rules 2-1 and 2-5—under the Permitting Regulation to minimize emissions to the environment and exposure to air pollutants by Bay Area residents. Staff would like to receive feedback from the public on draft amendments to the Permitting Regulation. The Permitting Regulation is a collection of rules that contains the requirements with which applicants must comply to obtain an air

permit when they plan to install or modify equipment that will emit regulated air pollutants into the ambient air.

Community stakeholders have long urged the Air District to re-evaluate its permitting program to consider the effects of permitting sources of air pollution in communities that experience disproportionately high levels of air pollution along with other environmental and health burdens. In May 2021, the Air District held a virtual public workshop to discuss potential concepts to amend the permitting rules. Air District staff received feedback from workshop participants as well as written comments in response to the presented concepts, which staff used in preparing draft amended rule language.

During the upcoming public workshop on the draft rule amendments, Air District staff will provide an overview of draft regulatory language that is intended to increase the health protectiveness of the permitting rules, paying particular attention to those areas that currently experience elevated environmental and health burdens. The Air District seeks feedback on the amended draft rule language and workshop report. The workshop will serve as a forum for workshop participants to provide feedback to staff on the topics discussed.

#### **INFORMATION AND COMMENTS**

Workshop materials will be made available prior to the workshop at: <https://www.baaqmd.gov/reg-2-permits>. Interested parties are invited to submit written comments on the workshop documents, including draft amended rule language and workshop report. Comments will be accepted during the workshop or may be submitted in writing to the Air District. The deadline to submit comments on these materials is **Wednesday, September 1, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.** For questions, please contact Jacob Finkle, Senior Air Quality Specialist, at [jfinkle@baaqmd.gov](mailto:jfinkle@baaqmd.gov). Staff will evaluate comments received during the workshop and comment period. Staff will use this evaluation to help refine draft amendments to specific permitting rules with the goal of bringing the proposed final amendments to the Board of Directors for consideration later this year.