

BAY AREA
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## **California Environmental Quality Act**

## NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT NEGATIVE DECLARATION

TO: Interested Parties FROM: Bay Area Air Quality

Management District 375 Beale St., Suite 600 San Francisco, CA 94105

LEAD AGENCY: Bay Area Air Quality Management District Contact: Mark Tang Phone: 415-749-4778

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:** Proposed Amendments to Air District Regulation 2, Rule 1 (Permits – General Requirements) and Proposed Amendments to Regulation 2, Rule 5 (Permits – New Source Review of Toxic Air Contaminants).

**Project Location:** The rule and proposed amendments apply within the Bay Area Air Quality Management District ("Air 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 Air District has regulatory authority over stationary sources of air pollution in the San Francisco Bay Area. The proposed amendments to Regulation 2, Rule 1 (Rule 2-1) and Regulation 2, Rule 5 (Rule 2-5) address how the Air District issues permits for sources of air pollution, with particular emphasis on increasing health protection in communities overburdened by pollution and health vulnerabilities. The Air District has prepared a Staff Report that provides a summary of the rationale for updating these rules. Background information and analysis is also available in the Staff Report. The proposed amendments and Staff Report are intended to provide the public with information in advance of a Public Hearing.

**Negative Declaration:** A copy of the Negative Declaration is available for review at the Air District office at 375 Beale Street, San Francisco, on the Air District's website at <a href="https://www.baaqmd.gov/reg-2-permits">https://www.baaqmd.gov/reg-2-permits</a>. Written comments on the Negative Declaration must be addressed to:

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Comments also can be sent by fax to (415) 749-5082 or by e-mail to mtang@baagmd.gov.

Comments on the negative declaration will be received from Tuesday, October 19, 2021, until 5 pm on Thursday, November 18, 2021.

**Public Hearing:** On Wednesday, December 15, 2021, at 9:30 a.m., the Board of Directors of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District will conduct a public hearing to consider adoption of proposed amendments to Regulation 2, Rule 1 (Permits - General Requirements) and Regulation 2, Rule 5 (Permits – New Source Review of Toxic Air Contaminants) and the adoption of a Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The hearing will be held via webcast at <a href="www.baaqmd.gov">www.baaqmd.gov</a> or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard.