



BAY AREA
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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

OCTOBER 19, 2021

TO: INTERESTED PARTIES
FROM: EXECUTIVE OFFICER / APCO
SUBJECT: **Public Hearing – Proposed Amendments to Regulation 2, Permits, Rule 1: General Requirements and Rule 5: New Source Review of Toxic Air Contaminants**

NOTICE: The Air District is taking steps to ensure Bay Area air quality and public health are protected while the shelter in place order in San Francisco and other Bay Area counties is 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>.

On **Wednesday, December 15, 2021**, the Board of Directors of the Air 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 proposed amendments to:

- Regulation 2, Rule 1: Permits – General Requirements;
- Regulation 2, Rule 5: Permits – New Source Review of Toxic Air Contaminants

The Board will also consider adoption of a Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The proposed amendments to these rules will apply throughout the nine-county jurisdiction of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District.

The proposed amendments to Regulation 2, Rule 1, and Regulation 2, Rule 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.

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code §§ 21000 et seq.), an Initial Study for the proposed amendments has been conducted, concluding that they would not have significant adverse environmental impacts. Notice is hereby given that the Air District intends to adopt a Negative Declaration for the proposed rule amendments pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080(c) and CEQA Guidelines sections 15070 et seq.

The CEQA Initial Study and proposed Negative Declaration, text of the proposed regulations and amendments, Staff Report, and other supporting documents are available on the Air District's website at www.baaqmd.gov/reg-2-permits, and may be requested from Mark Tang at (415) 749-4778 or mtang@baaqmd.gov.

Comments relating to the proposed amended rules, staff report and proposed Negative Declaration should be addressed to Mark Tang, Bay Area Air Quality Management District, 375 Beale Street, Suite 600, San Francisco, CA 94105. Comments may also be sent by e-mail to mtang@baaqmd.gov. Comments on the proposed amended rules, staff report and proposed Negative Declaration will be accepted until **November 18, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.** Verbal comments are welcome up to the day of, and during, the Public Hearing.