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NOTICE OF CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING

June 17, 2021

TO: INTERESTED PARTIES
FROM: EXECUTIVE OFFICER / APCO
SUBJECT: **Continued Public Hearing – Proposed Amendments to Regulation 6, Particulate Matter, Rule 5: Particulate Emissions from Refinery Fluidized Catalytic Cracking Units**

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, July 21, 2021**, the Board of Directors of the Air District will conduct a continued public hearing at the Air District Headquarters' Board Room, 375 Beale Street, San Francisco, California, at 8:30 a.m.

The Board will continue the public hearing to consider:

- Adoption of the proposed amendments to Regulation 6, Rule 5: Particulate Emissions from Refinery Fluidized Catalytic Cracking Units.

The Board of Directors initiated a public hearing on this item on Wednesday, June 2, 2021, and will continue the public hearing on Wednesday, July 21, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. This meeting will be conducted under the procedures authorized by Executive Order N-29-20 issued by Governor Gavin Newsom and the public may observe this meeting and provide verbal comments during the meeting through the meeting webcast by clicking the link available on the Air District's Agenda webpage for the meeting, available at <http://www.baaqmd.gov/bodagendas>. During the meeting, public comments on the Agenda for this meeting may be submitted by email to comments@baaqmd.gov.

Members of the public who commented on this item at the June 2, 2021 public hearing will not be allowed to comment on the same item again at the continued public hearing. Members of the public who did not comment on this item at the June 2 hearing will be allowed to comment at the continued public hearing.

BACKGROUND

The Air District is proposing amendments to Regulation 6, Rule 5: Particulate Emissions from Refinery Fluidized Catalytic Cracking Units (Rule 6-5). Fluidized catalytic cracking units (FCCUs) are the largest single source of particulate matter emissions at petroleum refineries, and further reductions of particulate matter emissions are needed to ensure attainment and maintenance of state and national ambient air quality standards and to provide clean air and public health benefits. These sources were also identified in the Air District's 2018 Expedited Best Available Retrofit Control Technology (BARCT) Implementation Schedule, which was developed pursuant to California Assembly Bill (AB) 617. The schedule included a number of potential rule development efforts to reduce emissions at industrial sources subject to the State Cap-and-Trade rule, including potential amendments to Rule 6-5.

The proposed amendments to Rule 6-5 include new and modified limits on ammonia and sulfur dioxide. The proposed amendments also include a direct limit on total particulate matter less than 10 microns in diameter (total PM₁₀), which includes both filterable and condensable particulate matter. The proposed amendments would also clarify existing rule provisions and improve monitoring requirements.

The Air District certified an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) in 2018 pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act that addresses impacts from the proposed amendments to Rule 6-5 in conjunction with the AB 617 Expedited BARCT Implementation Schedule (State Clearing House Number: 2018082003). If the Air District Board of Directors adopts the proposed amendments the Board will make a finding that the previous EIR remains applicable.

The proposal package materials, including the Draft Board Resolution, Proposed Amendments to Rule 6-5, Final Staff Report and appendices, and Summary of Responses and Comments, are available on the Air District website at <http://www.baaqmd.gov/reg6rule5>, or by request. Requests for copies of the Proposed Rule Amendments, Final Staff Report, or other proposal package materials should be directed to David Joe at djoe@baaqmd.gov or (415)749-8623.