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California Environmental Quality Act

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

TO: Interested Parties

FROM: Bay Area Air Quality
Management District
375 Beale Street, Suite 600
San Francisco, CA 94105

LEAD AGENCY: Bay Area Air Quality Management District
PROJECT APPLICANT: Bay Area Air Quality Management District
PROJECT APPLICANT CONTACT: Poornima Dixit, 415-749-4653

SUBJECT: FILING OF NOTICE OF DETERMINATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 21152
OF THE PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE AND CEQA GUIDELINES SECTION
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Project Title: Proposed Amendments to Regulation 8: Organic Compounds, Rule 8:
Wastewater Collection and Separation Systems

Lead Agency and Agency Approving Project: Bay Area Air Quality Management District
(Air District).

Project Location: The rule and proposed amendments apply within the Air District's
jurisdiction, 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 8, Rule
8 (Rule 8-8) address emissions of volatile organic compounds and methane (together
referred to as "total organic compounds") from wastewater collection and separation systems
at industrial facilities in the Bay Area. The proposed amendments would enact more stringent
best available retrofit control technology (BARCT) levels at the refinery wastewater treatment
systems by increasing frequency of leak inspections, updating leak detection methodologies
and standards to include a wider range of organic compounds (including methane), and
strengthening protocols for repairing and minimizing leaks. The amendments also include a
number of other changes to improve enforceability of the provisions and expand sampling
and monitoring requirements. The amendments are described in detail in the Staff Report
prepared for this project, which is available for public review as indicated below.

Agency Determination and Adoption of Negative Declaration: On December 20, 2023,
the Air District's Board of Directors approved the rule amendment project described above
and determined that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment. A
Negative Declaration was prepared and adopted for this project pursuant to the provisions
of CEQA. Mitigation measures were not made a condition of the approval of this project, and
no mitigation monitoring plan or program has been adopted.

Location of Negative Declaration and Supporting Documentation: Copies of the
Negative Declaration, amended rule, Staff Report, and certain other relevant documents are
available on the Air District's website at www.baaqmd.gov/ruledev. Physical copies of the
Negative Declaration and all supporting documentation for this project are available for public
review at Air District headquarters at 375 Beale Street, Suite 600, San Francisco, CA 94105.

Date Received for Filing

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December 20, 2023
Date