



PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

October 22, 2018

BAY AREA
AIR QUALITY
MANAGEMENT
DISTRICT

TO: INTERESTED PARTIES
FROM: EXECUTIVE OFFICER / APCO
SUBJECT: **PUBLIC HEARING: PROPOSED EXPEDITED BEST AVAILABLE RETROFIT CONTROL TECHNOLOGY (BARCT) IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE; AND CONSIDERATION OF THE CERTIFICATION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT PURSUANT TO THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT**

On **Wednesday, December 19, 2018**, the Board of Directors of the Bay Area Air Quality Management 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 Assembly Bill 617 (AB 617) Expedited Best Available Retrofit Control Technology (BARCT) Implementation Schedule; and
- An Environmental Impact Report pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Assembly Bill 617, approved July 26, 2017, amends California Health and Safety Code section 40920.6 et seq. and requires each air district that is a nonattainment area for one or more air pollutants to adopt an expedited schedule for implementation of best available retrofit control technology (BARCT) on specified facilities by the earliest feasible date, but no later than December 31, 2023. Local air districts are required to adopt this schedule before January 1, 2019. This requirement applies to each industrial source subject to California Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Cap-and-Trade requirements. The overall purpose of BARCT implementation is to reduce criteria pollutant emissions from significant industrial sources that currently participate in the GHG Cap-and-Trade system.

The proposed Expedited BARCT Implementation Schedule includes six potential rule development projects to address emissions from: 1) organic liquid storage tanks; 2) petroleum wastewater treating; 3) Portland cement manufacturing;

4) refinery fluid catalytic crackers and CO gas boilers; 5) refinery heavy liquid leaks; and 6) petroleum coke calcining.

The proposed Expedited BARCT Implementation Schedule would apply throughout the nine-county jurisdiction of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District.

Notice is also given that a draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the project has been completed pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The draft EIR for the Expedited BARCT Implementation Schedule concluded that air quality impacts associated with the construction of air pollution control equipment would be potentially significant after mitigation and cumulatively considerable. Water demand impacts from the operation of air pollution control equipment were found to be potentially significant after mitigation and cumulatively considerable. Mitigation measures are required for air quality impacts from construction activities and water demand impacts from operation of air pollution control equipment.

The proposed AB 617 Expedited BARCT Implementation Schedule staff report, draft EIR, and other supporting documents are available at the Air District headquarters, on its website at <http://www.baaqmd.gov/ab617barct>, or by request. Requests for copies of the staff report or draft EIR should be directed to Karen Fremming (kfremming@baaqmd.gov) at (415) 749-8427.

Written comments on the proposed schedule and environmental analysis will be accepted until December 7, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. and should be addressed to David Joe, Bay Area Air Quality Management District, 375 Beale Street, Suite 600, San Francisco, CA 94105, or may also be sent by e-mail to djoe@baaqmd.gov. Verbal comments are welcome up to the day of, and during, the Public Hearing.