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Air District makes air quality violation information available online

Web tool provides information about agency enforcement actions

SAN FRANCISCO – Today, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District is announcing the launch of a web tool that provides searchable information for all the notices of violation, or NOVs, that the agency has issued within the past five years.

This <u>new web tool</u> allows the public to access enforcement information concerning NOVs issued to facilities across the Bay Area.

"As part of our commitment to transparency, the Air District has developed a new web tool for the public to track notices of violation that have been issued for facilities in their communities," said Dr. Philip Fine, executive officer of the Air District. "The Air District is committed to vigorously enforcing air quality regulations to protect the health of all Bay Area residents."

This new web tool lists NOVs and related searchable information such as location, facility name, current enforcement status and penalty amount. The table will be updated daily, and this data can also be downloaded.

The Air District conducts comprehensive inspections to determine compliance with the agency's rules, permit conditions and legal requirements, as well as applicable state and federal regulations. When the Air District discovers an air quality violation, it issues an NOV. In most cases, a facility can resolve an NOV by taking corrective action and paying a penalty. For significant penalties of \$100,000 or more, the Air District notifies the public through press releases and email notifications.

The release of this web tool is supported by increased enforcement resources and coordination among stakeholders. The Air District is also actively seeking legislative remedies to increase the maximum penalties allowed by law.

The <u>Bay Area Air Quality Management District</u> is the regional agency responsible for protecting air quality in the nine-county Bay Area. Connect with the Air District via <u>Twitter</u>, <u>Facebook</u> and <u>YouTube</u>.

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