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## **Air District releases annual Air Toxics Report and online Facility Toxic Emissions and Prioritization Tool**

*Resources further the agency's commitment to transparency, public health and environmental justice*

**SAN FRANCISCO** – At a public hearing today, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District released the [2024 Toxic Air Contaminant Program Annual Report](#), along with a user-friendly new web page that allows members of the public to view toxic emission data from a comprehensive map of permitted facilities in the Bay Area.

The tool and report will help address community concerns and enhance reporting and public engagement practices under the Air Toxics “Hot Spots” Information and Assessment Act of 1987. The map tool and report are key components of a recent landmark agreement between the Air District and the [Environmental Democracy Project](#).

“The release of the Annual Air Toxics Report and the new Facility Toxic Emissions and Prioritization Tool will provide meaningful resources for the public to use in assessing significant air pollution impacts in their communities,” said Dr. Philip Fine, executive officer of the Air District. “By collaborating with the Environmental Democracy Project, these tools will improve air quality data transparency for residents in neighborhoods historically overburdened by air pollution and throughout the Bay Area.”

“An informed and engaged community is crucial to the optimal functioning of the democratic regulatory process,” said Tanya Boyce, executive director of the Environmental Democracy Project. “The launch of these critical tools provides our communities the timely data they need to advocate for cleaner air and healthier lives. This is a meaningful step toward environmental justice and ensuring that historically burdened neighborhoods are empowered to take a role in enforcement of the regulations developed to protect human health and mitigate climate change.”

Toxic Air Contaminants are air pollutants that are known to cause or contribute to adverse health impacts. Exposure may lead to temporary minor conditions, such as eye or skin irritation, permanent injury, or more serious diseases, including cancer.

Each year, the Air District collects information and estimates toxic air contaminant emissions from permitted facilities. The Air District uses this information to ensure that facilities comply with Air District rules and regulations and determines whether further evaluation is warranted. The new online [Facility Toxic Emissions and Prioritization Tool](#) provides the public with an easy way

to view toxic air contaminant emissions and associated potential health impacts for all permitted facilities within the Bay Area.

In addition, the *2024 Toxics Annual Report* identifies industrial facilities that pose cancer risks and other health threats. It includes information about each facility's toxic air pollutant emissions and will be distributed to county boards of supervisors, city councils and local health officials.

The Air District will continue to work closely with community stakeholders to ensure that residents living near industrial facilities are well-informed about health risks from emissions.

The [Bay Area Air Quality Management District](#) is the regional agency responsible for protecting air quality in the nine-county Bay Area. Connect with the Air District via [X/Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [YouTube](#).

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