



Permit Advisory April 2, 2020

Expediting Permits to Support COVID-19 Efforts

ATTENTION: Owners and Operators of facilities that are changing operations or repurposing efforts to aid in response to COVID-19

The Air District supports businesses and organizations changing or repurposing operations to aid in the response to COVID-19.

In order to provide support for public health and safety efforts, Bay Area Air Quality Management District (Air District) will prioritize and expedite the permitting process for these businesses and organizations.

Processing and issuance of permits are considered essential functions during the COVID-19 response as part of the Air District's efforts to improve air quality and protect public health and safety. Those looking for assistance in filing applications for their new or modified equipment in response to COVID-19 can email permitombudsman@baaqmd.gov for additional instructions. Please include "COVID-19 Permit" in the subject line and include the following information:

- Facility name, facility ID (if available), and facility address
- Contact name and phone number
- Project description, including how the project is critical to the COVID-19 response
- Equipment and process descriptions
- Flow diagram and process rates
- Operating schedules
- Air pollution control equipment
- Stack/exhaust emissions data

For those projects deemed to be critical to the COVID-19 response, the Air District will facilitate the preparation of permit application forms and will work with the applicant to complete the data and calculate the fees required. The Air District will process these applications on a high-priority and expedited basis.

Additional information can be found on the Air District's website at www.baaqmd.gov and by contacting the Air District's Permit Ombudsman at permitombudsman@baaqmd.gov (preferred) or by leaving a voicemail at (415) 749-4721.