



BAY AREA
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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

September 26, 2012

TO: INTERESTED PARTIES
FROM: EXECUTIVE OFFICER / APCO
SUBJECT: **PUBLIC HEARING: PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO REGULATION 2: PERMITS, RULE 1: GENERAL REQUIREMENTS, RULE 2: NEW SOURCE REVIEW, RULE 4: EMISSIONS BANKING, AND RULE 6: MAJOR FACILITY REVIEW; AND PROPOSED DISTRICT EMISSIONS INVENTORY**

On **November 7, 2012**, Board of Directors of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District will conduct a public hearing at the District Headquarters' Board Room, 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco, California, to consider: (1) adoption of proposed amendments to the following rules in District Regulation 2 Permits – Rule 1: General Requirements; Rule 2: New Source Review; Rule 4: Emissions Banking; and Rule 6: Major Facility Review; and (2) adoption of a District Emissions Inventory for fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}) for year 2010. The proposed amendments to Regulation 2 and the District Emissions Inventory will be submitted to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to revise the California State Implementation Plan as required by the federal Clean Air Act, including sections 110 and 172, and Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 51. The proposed amendments relating to Title V of the Clean Air Act will be submitted to EPA for approval under 40 CFR Part 70. District Board meetings commence at 9:45 am.

The proposed amendments to District Regulation 2 address new source review (NSR) and federal Title V permitting requirements in the above rules. The principal changes that would be made by the proposed amendments include:

- Adding new NSR and Title V permitting requirements for fine particulate matter (specifically, particulate matter with an aerodynamic diameter of less than 2.5 microns, or "PM_{2.5}") and for greenhouse gases (GHGs).
- Revising the "Prevention of Significant Deterioration" (PSD) permitting program – an important sub-element of the NSR program – in District regulations for approval by the EPA.
- Expanding the applicability provisions for NSR permitting to satisfy current EPA requirements.
- Expanding the requirements for NSR permit applicants to demonstrate that their projects will not contribute to violations of national ambient air quality standards.
- Expanding the public notice and comment provisions for NSR permitting.
- Non-substantive revisions to reorganize and clarify the regulatory language to make it easier to understand and implement.
- Other miscellaneous revisions and updates to various regulatory provisions.

The Board of Directors will also consider certification of a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed amendments. The District has previously noticed the availability of a draft EIR for this project. The draft EIR concludes that the project will not cause any significant adverse environmental impacts.

The Board of Directors will also consider adoption of a District Emissions Inventory for PM_{2.5}. The District has determined that the proposed Emissions Inventory is exempt from provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq.) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines, Sections 15061, subd. (b)(3) (the “common sense” exemption). The findings made in the Emissions Inventory do not affect air emissions from any sources, and can be seen with certainty to have no possibility of causing significant environmental effects. The District intends to file a Notice of Exemption pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines, Section 15062.

The proposed amendments to District Regulation 2 rules, the CEQA Draft EIR, a staff report, and other documentation supporting the proposed amendments are available at the District headquarters or on the District’s website at www.baaqmd.gov/Divisions/Engineering/Proposed-Reg-2-Changes.aspx or by request. Requests for copies of the amendments should be directed to Carol Lee, Senior Air Quality Engineer, at (415) 749-4689.

Written comments relating to the proposed amendments should be addressed to Ms. Carol Lee, Bay Area Air Quality Management District, 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco, CA 94109. Written comments also can be sent by fax to (415) 749-5030 or by e-mail to clee@baaqmd.gov. Written comments on the proposed amendments will be received during the period from Wednesday, September 26, 2012 until 5:00 p.m. on **Friday, October 26, 2012**.

The proposed District Emissions Inventory is available at the District headquarters or on the District’s website at <http://www.baaqmd.gov/Divisions/Planning-and-Research/Plans/PM-Planning.aspx> or by request. Requests for copies of the inventory should be directed to David Burch, Principal Environmental Planner, at (415) 749-4641.

Written comments relating to the Emissions Inventory should be addressed to Mr. David Burch, Bay Area Air Quality Management District, 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco, CA 94109. Comments also can be sent by fax to (415) 749-4741 or by e-mail to dburch@baaqmd.gov. Comments on the proposed amendments will be received during the period from Wednesday, September 26, 2012 until 5:00 p.m. on **Friday, October 26, 2012**.

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