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California Environmental Quality Act

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT NEGATIVE DECLARATION

LEAD AGENCY: Bay Area Air Quality Management District**Contact:** Victor Douglas**Phone:** 415-749-4752

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT NEGATIVE DECLARATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 21092 AND 21092.3 OF THE PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE AND CEQA GUIDELINES SECTION 15072

Project Title: Proposed Regulation 12, Miscellaneous Standards of Performance, Rule 13: Foundry and Forging Operations; Proposed Regulation 6: Particulate Matter, Rule 4: Metal Recycling and Shredding Operations; and Proposed Amendments to Regulation 2: Permits, Rule 1: General Requirements.

Project Location: The rule and proposed amendments would apply within the Bay Area Air Quality Management District ("District"), which includes all of Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, and Santa Clara counties, and the southern portions of Solano and Sonoma counties. There is one affected facility in Santa Clara County.

Project Description: The District has regulatory authority over stationary sources of air pollution in the San Francisco Bay Area. The proposed rules will implement control measure SSM 1 of the Bay Area 2010 Clean Air Plan. Regulation 12, Rule 13 will require foundries and forges that melt or heat treat more than 2500 tons of metal, other than certain aluminum metals and alloys, in a rolling twelve month period, to develop and implement an Emissions Minimization Plan that addresses fugitive emissions of particulate matter and odorous substances. Foundries and forges that process at least 1 ton of metal in a rolling twelve month period will be required to keep metal throughput records. Regulation 6, Rule 4 will require that metal recycling operations that have a metal throughput of more than 50,000 tons of metal scrap in a rolling twelve month period and that operate a metal shredder or receive or process scrap containing shredder residue to develop and implement an Emissions Minimization Plan to address fugitive emissions of particulate matter. Metal recycling operations that process 1000 tons or more in a rolling twelve month period will be required to keep records of metal throughput. The District will solicit public comment on facilities' draft Emissions Minimization Plans and the plans will be subject to District review, recommendations and approval. The plans would be required to be renewed every five years. Foundries that use binders for castings containing odorous substances would also be required to investigate and report every two years on the efficacy and availability of binders that produce fewer odorous emissions to the ambient air.

The proposed amendments to Regulation 2, Rule 1, Section 122 will remove a permit exemption for shell core and sand mold manufacturing machines unless they yield no more than 0.25 percent free phenol by weight of sand and are not heated..

Negative Declaration: A copy of the Negative Declaration, proposed rule amendments and supporting documents are available for review on the District's website at <http://www.baaqmd.gov/Divisions/Planning-and-Research/Rule-Development/Current-Regulatory-Public-Hearings.aspx> and at the District office at 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco.

Written comments on the Negative Declaration must be addressed to:

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Comments also can be sent by fax to (415) 749-4741 or by e-mail to vdouglas@baaqmd.gov. Comments on the negative declaration will be received from **Friday, March 8, 2013** until 5:00 p.m. on **Friday, March 29, 2013**.

Public Hearing: On **Wednesday, April 17, 2013**, the Board of Directors of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District will conduct a public hearing to consider adoption of two proposed new District rules: Regulation 12, Miscellaneous Standards of Performance, Rule 13: Foundry and Forging Operations and Regulation 6: Particulate Matter, Rule 4: Metal Recycling and Shredding Operations; and proposed amendments to Regulation 2: Permits, Rule 1: General Requirements, and the adoption of a Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The hearing will be held in the District Headquarters' Board Room, 7th floor, 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco. District Board meetings commence at 9:45 a.m.

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