PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

March 7, 2013

TO: INTERESTED PARTIES
FROM: EXECUTIVE OFFICER / APCO
SUBJECT: PUBLIC HEARING: PROPOSED REGULATION 12, RULE 13: FOUNDRY AND FORGING OPERATIONS; REGULATION 6, RULE 4: METAL RECYCLING AND SHREDDING OPERATIONS AND AMENDMENTS TO REGULATION 2: PERMITS, RULE 1: GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

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.

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.

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code § 21000 et seq.), an initial study for the proposed rules has been conducted, concluding that the proposed rules would not have significant adverse environmental impacts. Notice is hereby given that the District intends to approve a negative declaration for the adoption of the rules pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080(c) and CEQA Guidelines section 15070 et seq.

Proposed Regulation 12, Rule 13; Regulation 6, Rule 4; amendments to Regulation 2, Rule 1; a staff report; socioeconomic analysis; CEQA environmental analysis and draft Negative Declaration are available on the District website at: http://www.baaqmd.gov/Divisions/Planning-and-Research/Rule-Development/Current-Regulatory-Public-Hearings.aspx.

Comments on the proposed amendments and draft Negative Declaration may be directed to Victor Douglas, Principal Air Quality Specialist, Bay Area Air Quality Management District, 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco, California, 94109, or via e-mail at v douglas@baaqmd.gov. Written comments on the regulatory proposal and Negative Declaration will be accepted from Friday, March 8, 2013 until 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 29, 2013.