April 25, 2017

TO: Interested Parties  
FROM: Executive Officer/APCO

For New District Regulation 11, Rule 18: Reduction Of Risk From Toxic Air Emissions At Existing Facilities And New District Regulation 12, Rule 16: Petroleum Refining Facility-Wide Emission Limits

The public hearing to consider adoption of Regulation 12, Rule 16: Petroleum Refining Facility-Wide Emission Limits (Rule 12-16) has been rescheduled to May 31, 2017.

The public hearing for the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for proposed new District Regulation 11, Rule 18: Reduction of Risk from Toxic Air Emissions at Existing Facilities (Rule 11-18) and Rule 12-16 has also been rescheduled to May 31, 2017.

On May 31, 2017, the Board of Directors of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District will conduct a public hearing in the 1st floor Board Room, 375 Beale Street, San Francisco, California, at 9:45 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, to consider adoption of Rule 12-16 and to consider certification of the Final EIR for Rule 12-16 and Rule 11-18.

Proposed new District Regulation 12, Rule 16 will apply within the Bay Area AQMD, 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.

The proposed rule would apply to the five Bay Area petroleum refineries and certain support facilities. Proposed new Regulation 12, Rule 16 would set facility-wide numeric limits for several specified pollutants emitted by the impacted facilities.

The Draft EIR analyzes two rules that take different approaches to addressing concerns about health impact of pollution in communities near the refineries. However, the rules are not dependent upon one another and will be considered independently by the Board. Rule 11-18 will be considered by the Board later in 2017.

Regulation 12, Rule 16, the staff report, the socioeconomic analysis, and the Draft EIR are available at the District headquarters or on the District’s website at http://www.baaqmd.gov/rulehearings.

Comments relating to the proposed regulation or the environmental analysis in the Draft EIR should be addressed to Mr. Victor Douglas, Bay Area Air Quality Management District, 375 Beale Street, Suite 600, San Francisco, CA 94105. Comments may also be sent by e-mail to vdouglas@baaqmd.gov. Comments on the proposed rule and the Draft EIR will be accepted until May 8, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.