

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
BAY AREA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO DISTRICT
NEW SOURCE REVIEW AND TITLE V PERMITTING REGULATIONS
PROPOSED CEQA NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (Air District) will conduct a public hearing on **Wednesday, December 6th, 2017**, in the 1st Floor Board Room at Air District Headquarters at 375 Beale Street, San Francisco, California, 94105, at 9:45 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, to consider adoption of proposed technical and administrative amendments to the following rules in Air District Regulation 2 (Permits): Rule 1 (General Requirements); Rule 2 (New Source Review); Rule 4 (Emissions Banking); and Rule 6 (Major Facility Review). The proposed amendments to Regulation 2 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, subpart I (Review of New Sources and Modifications). The proposed amendments relating to Title V of the Clean Air Act will be submitted to EPA for approval under 40 CFR Part 70.

The proposed amendments to Air District Regulation 2 address the new source review (NSR) and federal Title V permitting requirements in the above rules. The amendments will make revisions to these four rules (i) to address certain “deficiencies” identified by EPA in order to allow EPA to fully approve the Air District’s NSR program under the federal Clean Air Act; (ii) to address certain other areas where further revisions and clarifications of the NSR regulations are needed; and (iii) to align the Air District’s programs with the U.S. Supreme Court’s ruling in *Utility Air Regulatory Group v. EPA*. The proposed amendments will apply throughout the nine-county jurisdiction of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District. Further information can be found in the Staff Report and related documentation referenced below.

The Board of Directors will also consider adoption of a Negative Declaration for the proposed amendments under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Board of Directors will consider adoption of the proposed Negative Declaration in light of a CEQA Initial Study prepared for the proposed amendments, which found no significant effect on the environment due to these proposed amendments; any public comments received; and all other information in the record for this project.

The proposed amendments to Air District Regulation 2, a Staff Report outlining the reasons for adopting the amendments, the CEQA Initial Study, the proposed CEQA Negative Declaration, a Socioeconomic Impact Analysis of the proposed amendments, and other documentation supporting the proposed amendments are available at Air District headquarters, on the District’s website at www.baaqmd.gov/permits/permit-fee-rule, and by request. Requests for copies of these documents should be directed to Greg Stone, Supervising Air Quality Engineer, at (415) 749-4745 or gstone@baaqmd.gov.

Written comments relating to the proposed amendments should be addressed to Greg Stone, Bay Area Air Quality Management District, 375 Beale Street, Suite 600, San Francisco, CA 94105. Written comments also can be sent by e-mail to gstone@baaqmd.gov. Written comments on the proposed amendments will be received during the period from Friday, October 13th, 2017, until 5:00 p.m. on **Monday, November 13th, 2017**.

The proposed amendments that will be considered on December 6th, 2017, are a revised version of proposed amendments that the Air District published in August of 2017, which were originally set to be considered by the Board of Directors on October 18th, 2017. The further revisions reflected in the current version are explained in the Staff Report and related documents. The Air District will consider all comments received on the earlier version of the proposed amendments, in addition to comments on the current version. Members of the public do not need to re-submit any comments they submitted on the earlier version.