

## California Environmental Quality Act NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT NEGATIVE DECLARATION

**LEAD AGENCY: Bay Area Air Quality Management District** 

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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:** Regulation 6, Rule 2: Commercial Cooking Equipment.

**Project Location:** The rules and proposed amendments 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.

**Project Description:** The District has regulatory authority over stationary sources of air pollution in the San Francisco Bay Area. Regulation 6, Rule 2 is a proposed rule that would regulate PM<sub>10</sub> (particulate matter of 10 microns in diameter or less) and organic compound emissions from some equipment used in commercial restaurant operations. The proposed rule will fulfill the District's commitment to control restaurant emissions under its SB 656 Implementation Schedule and implement further study measure FS-3 from the Bay Area 2005 Ozone Strategy. The proposed rule will:

- Require catalytic oxidizers or alternative controls to be installed on chain-driven (conveyorized) charbroilers,
- Require all new installations of under-fired charbroilers with an aggregate grill surface area of ten square feet or more to emit no more than 1.9 lbs of PM10 per 1000 lbs of meat cooked and to install UL listed hoods,
- Require existing under-fired charbroilers of 10 square feet or more to meet the same emission standard, and
- Require owners of chain-driven and under-fired charbroilers to register with the District.

The requirements for chain-driven charbroilers would go into effect on June 1, 2008, the requirements for new under-fired charbroilers on June 1, 2009, and the requirements for existing under-fired charbroilers on June 1, 2012. In addition, District Regulation 6: Particulate Matter and Visible Emissions would be renamed and renumbered to Regulation 6: Particulate Matter, Rule 1: General Requirements.

**Negative Declaration:** A copy of the Negative Declaration is available for review on the District's website at <a href="http://www.baaqmd.gov/pln/ruledev/regulatory\_public\_hearings.htm">http://www.baaqmd.gov/pln/ruledev/regulatory\_public\_hearings.htm</a> and at the District office at 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco.

Written comments on the Negative Declaration must be addressed to Virginia Lau, Bay Area Air Quality Management District, 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco, California, 94109 or to <a href="mailto:vlau@baaqmd.gov">vlau@baaqmd.gov</a>. The review period for the Negative Declaration is from April 16, 2007 until Monday, May 7, 2007. All comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, May 7, 2007.

**Public Hearing:** On Wednesday, May 16, 2007 at 9:45 a.m., the Board of Directors of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) will conduct a public hearing to consider adoption of proposed Regulation 6, Rule 2: Commercial Cooking Equipment, proposed amendments to Regulation 6: Particulate Matter and Visible Emissions and to consider adoption of the Negative Declaration. The hearing will be held in the 7th floor Board Room of the District Office, 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco.