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## 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:** Amendments to Regulation 9, Rule 8: Nitrogen Oxides and Carbon Monoxide from Stationary Internal Combustion Engines.

**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 9, Rule 8 regulates emissions of nitrogen oxides (NOx) and carbon monoxide from stationary internal combustion (IC) engines of 250 brake horse power (bhp) or greater powered by gaseous fuels such as natural gas or LPG. The proposed amendments to Regulation 9, Rule 8 would:

- Expand the scope of the rule to regulate NOx emissions from smaller gaseous-fueled stationary IC engines that are larger than 50 bhp,
- Regulate NOx emissions from liquid-fueled engines, such as diesel engines, larger than 50 bhp, and
- Establish more stringent emissions limits for NOx for all affected stationary IC engines.

The amendments to the rule would take effect on January 1, 2012. Engines between 50 and 250 bhp or engines of model year 1996 or newer would be allowed until January 1, 2016 to comply, provided the engines meet the most stringent emissions limits for new engines at that time.

**Negative Declaration:** A copy of the Negative Declaration is available for review on the District's website at [http://www.baaqmd.gov/pln/ruledev/regulatory\\_public\\_hearings.htm](http://www.baaqmd.gov/pln/ruledev/regulatory_public_hearings.htm) and at the District office at 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco.

Written comments on the Negative Declaration must be addressed to Victor Douglas, Bay Area Air Quality Management District, 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco, California, 94109 or to [vdouglas@baaqmd.gov](mailto:vdouglas@baaqmd.gov). The review period for the Negative Declaration is from June 18, 2007 until Monday, July 9, 2007. All comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, July 9, 2007.

**Public Hearing:** On Wednesday, July 25, 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 amendments to Regulation 9, Rule 8: Nitrogen Oxides and Carbon Monoxide from Stationary Internal Combustion Engines 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.