

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

November 12, 2004

TO: INTERESTED PARTIES

FROM: AIR POLLUTION CONTROL OFFICER

SUBJECT: **PUBLIC HEARING –Regulation 2 (Permits) Rule 1 (General Requirements), Regulation 2 (Permits) Rule 2 (New Source Review), Regulation 4 (Emissions Banking)**

On **Wednesday, December 15**, the Board of Directors of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District will conduct a public hearing to discuss amendments to the District's permit regulations. The hearing will be held in the 7th floor Board Room of the District Office, 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco. **The Board meeting will commence at 1:30 p.m.**

The proposed amendments would have the following effects:

- ◆ Currently, offsets must be provided for new and modified sources at facilities with emissions of precursor organic compounds or nitrogen oxides greater than 15 tons/year (TPY). The District provides those offsets for small facilities (emissions less than 50 TPY). The proposed revisions lower the threshold for offsets to 10 TPY, and the District will provide offsets for facilities with emissions less than 35 TPY.
- ◆ A number of miscellaneous changes to the permit regulations have been proposed. The changes:
 - Require all crematories to obtain a permit, regardless of age or size.
 - Require operators to countersign permits. This will ensure that operators have seen any attached permit conditions
 - Require operators to certify compliance when notifying the District of startup. This will allow the District to take enforcement action against operators who construct sources that does not comply with the authority to construct.
 - Clarify requirements for protecting trade secret information.

It has been determined that these proposed amendments to Regulation 2, Rule 1, Rule 2, and Rule 4 are exempt from provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq.) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines, Sections 15061, subd. (b)(3) and 15273. The proposed amendments are administrative in nature, and do not in themselves affect air emissions from any sources or operations subject to the rule. It can therefore be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that these proposed amendments will have a significant environmental impact. The District intends to file a Notice of Exemption pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines, Section 15062.

The proposed changes and the draft staff report are available on the District's web site at www.baaqmd.gov. Copies of these documents and of the initial study may be requested by calling May Leung at (415) 749-4729. Comments on the proposal should be directed to Steve Hill, Bay Area Air Quality Management District, 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco, California 91409, telephone (415) 749-4673 or e-mail at shill@baaqmd.gov. Written comments on the proposed regulatory changes must be received by the District prior to 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 7, 2004.

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