



BAY AREA
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DISTRICT

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

June 18, 2007

TO: INTERESTED PARTIES
FROM: EXECUTIVE OFFICER / APCO
SUBJECT: **PUBLIC HEARING: PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO DISTRICT REGULATION 9: INORGANIC GASEOUS POLLUTANTS, RULE 8: NITROGEN OXIDES AND CARBON MONOXIDE FROM STATIONARY INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINES; and ADOPTION OF A CEQA NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

On **Wednesday, July 25, 2007**, the Board of Directors of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District will conduct a public hearing to consider adoption of proposed amendments to **Regulation 9: Inorganic Gaseous Pollutants, Rule 8: Nitrogen Oxides and Carbon Monoxide from Stationary Internal Combustion Engines**, and to consider approval of a CEQA Negative Declaration. The hearing will be held in the 7th floor Board Room of the District Office, 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco. **District Board meetings commence at 9:45 a.m.**

Regulation 9, Rule 8 regulates emissions of nitrogen oxides (NO_x) 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:

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

The amendments to the rule would take effect on January 1, 2012. Engines between 51 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. The proposed amendments to the rule will fulfill the District's commitment to further control NO_x emissions (which form particulate matter and ozone) under its SB 656 Implementation Schedule and implement further study measure FS-15 from the Bay Area 2005 Ozone Strategy.

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code § 21000 et seq.), an initial study for the proposed amendments has been conducted, concluding that the proposed amendments would not have significant adverse environmental impacts. Notice is hereby given that the District intends to adopt a Negative Declaration for the amendments pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080(c) and CEQA Guidelines section 15070 et seq.

The proposed amendments to Regulation 9, Rule 8 and the draft CEQA environmental checklist and Negative Declaration are available on the District's website at http://www.baaqmd.gov/pln/ruledev/regulatory_public_hearings.htm or may be requested by calling Lilia Martinez at (415) 749-4664.

Comments relating to the proposed amendments or the CEQA analysis (Negative Declaration) should be addressed to Victor Douglas, Senior Air Quality Engineer, Bay Area Air Quality Management District, 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco, CA 94109. Comments also can be sent by fax to (415) 749-4741 or by e-mail to vdouglas@baaqmd.gov. **Comments on the proposed amendments or the Negative Declaration will be received accepted until 5:00 p.m. on Monday, July 9, 2007.**

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