



PUBLIC WORKSHOP NOTICE

October 16, 2006

BAY AREA
AIR QUALITY
MANAGEMENT
DISTRICT

TO: INTERESTED PARTIES
FROM: EXECUTIVE OFFICER / APCO
SUBJECT: **PROPOSED REGULATION 6, RULE 2:
COMMERCIAL COOKING EQUIPMENT**

The staff of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District will conduct several public workshops to review and discuss proposed Regulation 6, Rule 2: Commercial Cooking Equipment, at the times, dates, and locations shown below:

Tuesday, November 14, 2006
9:00 am to 11:00 am

BAAQMD Office
7th Floor Board Room
939 Ellis Street
San Francisco, CA 94109

Tuesday, November 14, 2006
3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

San Jose State University
Guadalupe Room
3rd level of Student Union Building
One Washington Square
San Jose, CA 95112

Wednesday, November 15, 2006
10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Elihu Harris State Building
Room 11, 2nd Floor
1515 Clay Street
Oakland, CA 94612

Wednesday, November 15, 2006
3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Foley Cultural Center
Greater Vallejo Recreational District
"Vista Room"
1461 North Camino Alto
Vallejo, CA 94589

BACKGROUND

The District is proposing Regulation 6, Rule 2 to reduce emissions of harmful air contaminants from restaurant cooking equipment.

Every day in the Bay Area, commercial cooking operations collectively emit into the atmosphere an estimated 3.35 tons of particulate matter ("PM") and 1.32 tons of ozone-forming volatile organic compounds ("VOC"). The Bay Area exceeds California health-based air quality standards for PM and ozone. Restaurant emissions also contain other harmful compounds, including aldehydes, organic acids, alcohol, nitrogen and sulfur compounds, and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs). Breathing these hazardous compounds can cause damage to the respiratory tract and aggravate respiratory illnesses.

Currently, no District rule directly regulates emissions from restaurants. However, the District committed to reduce restaurant emissions in its Senate Bill 656 Particulate

Matter Implementation Schedule. The District also proposed to examine the feasibility of reducing restaurant emissions of pollutants that form ozone in Further Study Measure 3 in the Bay Area 2005 Ozone Strategy.

REGULATORY PROPOSAL

The proposed regulation would be applicable to all commercial cooking equipment that exhausts through a Type I ventilation hood. Subject to certain limited exceptions, the proposed rule would:

- After one year, require installation of catalytic oxidizers, or equivalent control devices, on all chain-driven charbroilers;
- Prohibit the sale, offer for sale, or installation of Type I hood filters other than high-efficiency filters;
- Require the installation of high-efficiency filters into an existing ventilation hood system upon replacement of a Type I hood or an exhaust fan that serves a Type I hood;
- After two years, require restaurants that operate under-fired charbroilers with a total grill surface area greater than or equal to 10 square feet to exhaust their emissions through high-efficiency filters; and
- Require the owner and operator of any restaurant with one or more under-fired charbroilers with a total grill surface area greater than or equal to 10 square feet or any chain-driven charbroiler to register with the District.
- Require minimal recordkeeping of certain restaurants.

The purpose of the workshop is to receive comments and answer questions on the proposed rule. For copies of the draft rule and Workshop Report, visit the District website at <http://www.baaqmd.gov/pln/ruledev/workshops.htm>. For questions or comments on proposed Regulation 6, Rule 2: Commercial Cooking Equipment, please contact Virginia Lau, Senior Air Quality Specialist, at (415) 749-4696, or via e-mail at vlau@baaqmd.gov.

If you require translation services, please contact Virginia Lau at 415-796-4696 or vlau@baaqmd.gov so that we can arrange to accommodate your request.

DIRECTIONS TO THE WORKSHOPS

BAAQMD Office

939 Ellis Street (at Van Ness Avenue)
San Francisco

For a Google® map, click [here](#).

Elihu Harris State Building

1515 Clay Street (at 15th Street)
Oakland

For a Google® map, click [here](#).

San Jose State University

One Washington Square (at S. 4th Street)
San Jose

For a Google® map, click [here](#).

Foley Cultural Center

Dan Foley Park, 1461 North Camino Alto
(North end, at Tuolumne Street), Vallejo

For a Google® map, click [here](#).