



California Environmental Quality Act

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

TO: Interested Parties

FROM: Bay Area Air Quality
Management District
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AIR QUALITY
MANAGEMENT
DISTRICT

PROJECT APPLICANT: Bay Area Air Quality Management District

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SUBJECT: FILING OF NOTICE OF DETERMINATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 21152 OF THE PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE AND CEQA GUIDELINES SECTION 15075

Project Title: Amendments to Bay Area Air Quality Management District Regulation 8: Organic Compounds, Rule 18: Equipment Leaks.

SCH Number:

Lead Agency and Agency Approving Project: Bay Area Air Quality Management District (Air District).

Project Location: The proposed amendments to Air District Regulation 8, Rule 18 would apply within the Air District's jurisdiction, 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 proposed amendments to Air District Regulation 8, Rule 18 (Rule 8-18) address emissions of volatile organic compounds and methane from equipment leaks at refineries, chemical plants, and facilities that load and store organic liquids in bulk quantities in the Bay Area. The proposed amendments would require that certain pieces of equipment in heavy liquid service, including valves and non-steam quenched pumps handling material with initial boiling points between 302 and 372 °F; steam-quenched pumps; compressors; pressure relief devices; and open ended valve or line handling material with initial boiling points greater than 302 °F; and components handling material in gas or vapor phase, be included in Leak Detection and Repair Program requirements. The proposed amendments would also include updates to aid with readability and clarity, as well as changes covering Exemptions, Definitions, Standards, Administrative Requirements, Monitoring and Records, and Procedures.

Agency Determination and Adoption of Negative Declaration: On September 4, 2024, the Air District's Board of Directors approved the rule amendment project described above and determined that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment. A Negative Declaration was prepared and adopted for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA. Mitigation measures were not made a condition of the approval of this project, and no mitigation monitoring plan or program has been adopted.

Location of Negative Declaration and Supporting Documentation: Copies of the Negative Declaration, amended rule, Staff Report, and certain other relevant documents are available on the Air District's website at www.baaqmd.gov/ruledev. Physical copies of the Negative Declaration and all supporting documentation for this project are available for public review at Air District headquarters at 375 Beale Street, Suite 600, San Francisco, CA 94105.

Date Received for Filing

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Date