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## Crop Replacement, Orchard Pruning and Attrition Burns Extended (includes vineyards)

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District's (Air District) has extended Crop Replacement, Orchard Pruning and Attrition burns to Wednesday, May 31, 2006.

Crop replacement fires are conducted to establish an agricultural crop in a location that formerly contained another type of crop or natural growth while orchard pruning and attrition fires are to dispose of periodic prunings and attrition losses from fruit trees, nut trees, vineyards and cane fruits.

The regulation can be downloaded at <a href="www.baaqmd.gov">www.baaqmd.gov</a>. Follow the links under Air quality status. This information is also available on the Air District's toll-free number at (1-800-435-7247.

For additional information about Crop Replacement, Orchard Pruning and Attrition burning requirements at the Air District, please call Janet Simon, Air Quality Specialist, at (415) 749 -4780.