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Permissive burn season closes for Flood Debris fires

SAN FRANCISCO - The Bay Area Air Quality Management District is announcing the close of the permissible burn season for Flood Debris fires within the Bay Area effective Monday, May 31, 2010.

Flood debris fires are set for the purpose of removing wood and vegetation debris deposited by floodwaters on agricultural land.

Open burning is regulated because of its impact on air quality. Certain fires for agricultural purposes, flood control, fire training and the prevention of fire hazards, among other purposes, are allowed during specified periods throughout the year. Each day of the year is designated as either a BURN or a NO BURN day, and permissible fires can only be set during their established burn season on a designated BURN day.

Open burning requirements apply to the entire nine-county Bay Area, including Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, southwestern Solano and southern Sonoma Counties.

For additional information about crop replacement, forest management, orchard pruning and attrition, and range management requirements at the Air District, please call Air Quality Specialist Janet Simon at (415) 749-4780. The Air District's open burning regulation (Regulation 5) is available at www.baaqmd.gov. Select "Rules and Regulations" in the drop-down menu under the "Work" portal. Open burn information is also available on the Air District's toll-free number at 1-800-HELP AIR (435-7247).

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District is the regional agency chartered with protecting air quality in the Bay Area. For more information, visit www.baaqmd.gov.

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