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MEDIA ADVISORY

Air District seeks public input on changes to air quality permits regulation

SAN FRANCISCO – The Bay Area Air District invites the public to a workshop to discuss proposed changes to the Air District's air quality permitting regulation for stationary sources of air pollution.

WHAT: Workshop: Draft Regulation 2, Permits

WHEN: Wednesday, February 22, 2012

9:30 a.m. - Noon

WHERE: Air District Board Room

939 Ellis Street, 7th Floor, San Francisco

A live webcast of the workshop will be available at: http://www.baagmd.gov/pln/ruledev/workshops.htm

The Air District is amending its air quality permitting regulation in order to:

- Increase the clarity and efficiency of the regulation
- Incorporate recent changes in federal requirements
- Help the Air District obtain an approved State Implementation Plan
- Implement more stringent trigger levels for Best Available Control Technology for sources of particulate matter 2.5 and public noticing and comment requirements for non-major facilities

The proposed changes to the regulation will affect major facilities in the Bay Area, such as refineries and power plants, as well as smaller facilities when applying for new or modified permits.

Copies of the proposed amendments and corresponding documents are available at: http://www.baaqmd.gov/pln/ruledev/workshops.htm.

Comments and questions on the proposed amendments can be submitted to Carol Lee, Senior Air Quality Engineer by phone at 415.749.4689 or email, clee@baaqmd.gov, Greg Stone at 415.749.4745 or gstone@baaqmd.gov. The deadline for comments is March 2, 2012.

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District (<u>www.baaqmd.gov</u>) is the regional agency responsible for protecting air quality in the nine-county Bay Area.