



BAY AREA  
AIR QUALITY  
MANAGEMENT  
DISTRICT

# PUBLIC NOTICE

July 21, 2017

TO: Parents or guardians of students enrolled at the following school(s):

**Laurel Dell Elementary School  
James B. Davidson Middle School  
Anova Center for Education (Marin campus)**

All residential and business neighbors located within 1,000 feet of the proposed new or modified sources of coffee roasting operation of air pollution listed below.

FROM: Bay Area Air Quality Management District

RE: Permit Application 28557 for the following source(s) of air pollution:

**Coffee Roasting  
Equator Coffees and Teas  
115 Jordan Street  
San Rafael, CA 94901**

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District (the “District”) is a local agency that regulates stationary sources of air pollution such as factories, industrial sites, and gasoline stations.

Whenever we receive a permit application for a new or modified source(s) of toxic air contaminants located within 1,000 feet of a school site, State law requires that we notify the public. To comply with this requirement, we distribute or mail a Public Notice to the parents or guardians of students enrolled at schools located within ¼ mile, and all residents and businesses located within 1,000 feet, of the proposed source(s).

You are receiving this Public Notice because a permit application has been filed with the District for the above referenced source(s) of air pollution. A description of the proposed project follows:

*Equator Coffees and Teas is adding a new batch coffee roaster, source S-6 with 570.24 tons of coffee per year. At the same time the company proposed to reduce the throughput of existing batch coffee roasters, Source S-3 from 224.3 to 100 tons per year and source S-5 from 224.3 to 184.76 tons of coffee per year.*

*The project will increase emissions of the following toxic contaminant:*

<i>Toxic Air Contaminant</i>	<i>Annual Emission (lb/yr)</i>	<i>Chronic Screening Level (lb/yr)</i>	<i>Annual Emission (lb/hr)</i>	<i>Acute Screening Level (lb/hr)</i>
<i>Formaldehyde</i>	<i>0.23</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>0.00012</i>	<i>0.12</i>
<i>Acetaldehyde</i>	<i>0.11</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>0.00006</i>	<i>1.0</i>

*All projects must comply with the District's Regulation 2, Rule 5, New Source Review of Toxic Air Contaminants, which establishes an acceptable annual emission rate, or a health risk screening level, for each toxic air contaminant. A health risk analysis report shall be prepared if the project emissions exceed any of the screening levels listed in Table 2-5-1 of District Regulation 2, Rule 5. For this project, the calculated annual emissions shown above are less than the respective screening level, and therefore, is considered acceptable in accordance with the District's Regulation 2, Rule 5.*

***PRELIMINARY EVALUATION***

The District has evaluated the permit application for the proposed project and has made a preliminary determination that the project is expected to comply with all applicable District, state, and federal air quality-related regulations, including the health risks resulting from toxic air contaminant emissions. The preliminary recommendation is to issue a permit for this project. After considering all comments received, the District will make a final determination.

***ADDITIONAL INFORMATION***

If you are interested in getting more information, you may request copies of the the District's evaluation report by calling the District at the telephone number listed at the end of this notice. This information is also accessible on the District website at:

<http://www.baaqmd.gov/permits/public-notice>

***PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD***

**There is a 30-day period for public response to this proposal. If you wish to comment on the proposed project, you may do so in writing or by e-mail. Alternatively, you may call and leave a telephone message up to one minute in length. Please leave your name and telephone number so that a District staff member may respond to your message.**

Please use the following contact information if you would like to comment on the proposed project:

Mailing address: Equator Coffees and Teas (A/N 28557)  
Public Notice Response  
BAAQMD  
Engineering Division  
375 Beale Street, Suite 600  
San Francisco, CA 94105  
Attn: Thu Bui

E-mail address: [tbui@baaqmd.gov](mailto:tbui@baaqmd.gov)

Telephone Number: (415) 749-5155

The public comment period for this project ends on August 21, 2017.