

BAAQMD CEQA Guidelines Update

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Section	Change	Page or Table
Chapter 1: Introduction	No Change	
Chapter 2: Thresholds of Significance	Project and Plan-Level Threshold: revised terminology to refer to "GHG Reduction Strategy" in place of "Climate Action Plan"	Tables 2-1 and 2-2, pgs. 2-4, 2-5, 2-7, 2-8
	Project-Level Threshold for odors revised: "5 confirmed complaints per year averaged over three years."	Tables 2-1 and 2-5, pgs. 2-5 and 2-8
	Revised the cumulative threshold for non-cancer hazard	Table 2-1, p. 2-2
	Removed project size cautionary language for efficiency threshold when applied to large development projects	p. 2-4
	Added proposed thresholds for regional plans (Air Quality and Regional Transportation Plans), "No net increase in emissions of GHGs, Criteria Air Pollutants and Precursors, and Toxic Air Contaminants."	Table 2-5
	Updated GHG Reduction Strategy language	p. 2-8
Chapter 3: Screening Criteria	Updated GHG Reduction Strategy language	P. 3-1
Chapter 4: Operational-Related Impacts	Moved step-by-step user details for Urbemis to Appendix B, including Table 4-1 (now Table B-1)	P 4-2
	Added Section 4.3 describing Greenhouse Gas Reduction Strategies	
	Updated GHG Section, including adding reference to GHG Quantification Methodology guidance document, the BAAQMD GHG Model (BGM), adding Table 4-3 on GHG emission sources and text explaining the SCS integration with GHG Reduction Strategy. Removed project size cautionary language for efficiency threshold.	p. 4-3 through p. 4-12
	Section 4.3 becomes Section 4.4 Mitigating Operational-Related Impacts, added information about a potential Off-Site Mitigation Program	p. 4-12
Chapter 5: Local Community Risk & Hazard Impacts	Section 5.2.2. Siting A New Source: Removed reference to impacted community	p. 5-5
	Reference to AERMOD changed to "acceptable air dispersion model".	p.5-8

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	Section 5.5.2. Siting A New Receptor: Removed reference to impacted community	p. 5-8
	Added reference to BAAQMD's <i>Recommended Methodology for Screening and Modeling Local Risks and Hazards</i> .	p. 5-11
	Updated PM2.5 concentration distances for highways.	Table 5-2
	Updated PM2.5 concentration screening value.	Table 5-3
	Updated average daily two-way traffic volumes.	Table 5-4
	Revised risk thresholds and screening methodology in Chapter 5, including removing Table 5.5.	p. 5-15
	Added reference to Community Risk Reduction Plans methodology.	p. 5-16
	Qualified Community Risk Reduction Plans: more details added to explain qualification, and added requirement that CRRP be adopted through a public process.	p. 5-17
	Mitigating local and community risk hazard impacts: added phased development (Item 4) as possible mitigation measure.	p. 5-17
Chapter 6: Local Carbon Monoxide Impacts	No Changes	
Chapter 7: Odor Impacts	Revised text, including updating the substantial number of odor complaints to "five confirmed complaints per year averaged over the past three years as the indication of an odor impact." Significance determination also updated.	p. 7-3
Chapter 8: Construction-Related Impacts	Revised discussion on construction-related GHG emissions to encourage best management practices that "may include, but are not limited, to" the practices listed. Added to recommendation for alternative fuel use (e.g. biodiesel, electric) mitigation measures that this be applied to a minimum of 15% of the fleet.	p. 8-7

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	Revised language on toxic air contaminants, including adding references to BAAQMD's Recommended Methods for Screening and Modeling Local Risks and Hazards and the construction risk calculator.	p. 8-7
Chapter 9: Plan-Level Impacts	Added language regarding the GHG thresholds for general, air quality and regional transportation plans.	p. 9-1
	Updated language to be consistent with 2010 Clean Air Plan language.	p. 9-2
	Added details to vehicle miles traveled criteria	p. 9-3
	Updated Section 9.2 Greenhouse Gases	p. 9-4
	Qualified Community Risk Reduction Plans: more details added to explain qualification, and added requirement that CRRP be adopted through a public process.	p. 9-7
	Updated 9.4 Odors: revised plan-level odor threshold to "identify locations of odor sources" in place of "identifying overlay zones around sources of odors."	p. 9-7
	Added Section 9.5 Regional Plans regarding no net increase in criteria pollutants and GHGs and TACs	p. 9-8
Appendix A: Construction Assessment Tools	No Changes	
Appendix B: Air Quality Modeling Instructions & Project Examples	Table 4-1 now Table B-1	p. B-1
	Added details about Urbemis and BAAQMD GHG Model (BGM) and user's manuals	p. B-1
Appendix C: Sample Air Quality Setting	No Changes	
Appendix D: Threshold of Significance Justification	No Changes	
Appendix E: Glossary	No Changes	