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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

November 2, 2009

TO: INTERESTED PARTIES
FROM: EXECUTIVE OFFICER / APCO
SUBJECT: **PUBLIC HEARING: PROPOSED
AMENDMENTS TO REGULATION 8, RULE 50:
POLYESTER RESIN OPERATIONS**

On **Wednesday, December 2, 2009**, the Board of Directors of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District will conduct a public hearing to consider proposed amendments to Regulation 8, Rule 50: Polyester Resin Operations, and to consider adoption of a CEQA Negative Declaration. The hearing will be held in the 7th floor Board Room of the District Office, 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco. District Board meetings commence at 9:45 a.m.

Regulation 8, Rule 50 limits emissions from the manufacturing of composite products with polyester resins and gel coats; and, cleaning products used to clean equipment and products associated with such operations. The proposed amendments will implement control measure SS-4 in the 2005 Ozone Strategy. The proposed amendments will:

- Reduce monomer content limits for resins and establish monomer content limits for gel coats that are applied to open molds during the manufacturing of composite products;
- Require the use of non-atomizing spray guns for the application of polyester resins to open molds;
- Allow the use of air spray hopper guns for the application of viscous blends of resin or gel coat mixed with solid, particulate material to open molds;
- Reduce the VOC limit for cleaning products used in Bay Area composite operations from 200 grams per liter to 25 grams per liter; and,
- Allow the use of cold cleaners to clean mixing, molding and application equipment as prescribed in the rule.

To clarify the scope and to enhance the enforceability of the Regulation 8, Rule 50, District staff also proposes a number of other changes in the form of modifications and additional amendments. They include:

- An expansion of the rule's description;
- Modifications to the section exempting touch up and repair and the inclusion of a limited exemption for field installation of composite products;
- New and modified definitions throughout;
- Enhanced recordkeeping requirements;
- Clarification for emission control systems;
- New monitoring requirements for emission control equipment;
- A prohibition of specification section, consistent with other District rules, that make it a violation to specify the use of non-compliant materials; and
- A new compliance statement requirement for manufacturers of resins and gel coats to reflect monomer content.

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code § 21000 et seq.), an initial study for the proposed amendments has been conducted, concluding that the proposed amendments would not have significant adverse environmental impacts. Notice is hereby given that the District intends to adopt a negative declaration for the amendments pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080(c) and CEQA Guidelines section 15070 et seq.

The proposed amendments to Regulation 8, Rule 50, a staff report, socioeconomic analysis, CEQA environmental analysis and draft Negative Declaration are available on the District website at: <http://www.baaqmd.gov/Divisions/Planning-and-Research/Rule-Development/Current-Regulatory-Public-Hearings.aspx>. Comments on the proposed amendments and draft Negative Declaration may be directed to William Saltz, Air Quality Specialist, Bay Area Air Quality Management District, 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco, California, 94109, or via e-mail at wsaltz@baaqmd.gov. Written comments on the regulatory proposal and Negative Declaration will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 23, 2009.