



BAY AREA
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California Environmental Quality Act

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT NEGATIVE DECLARATION

LEAD AGENCY: Bay Area Air Quality Management District

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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT NEGATIVE DECLARATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 21092 AND 21092.3 OF THE PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE AND CEQA GUIDELINES SECTION 15072

Project Title: Proposed Regulation 8, Rule 53: Vacuum Truck Operations, and Proposed Amendments to Regulation 2, Rule 1: Permits, General Requirements.

Project Location: The rule and proposed amendments apply within the Bay Area Air Quality Management District ("District"), which includes all of Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, and Santa Clara counties, and the southern portions of Solano and Sonoma counties.

Project Description: The District has regulatory authority over stationary sources of air pollution in the San Francisco Bay Area. Regulation 8, Rule 53 sets emission limits for emissions from vacuum trucks during loading of high-volatility materials in petroleum refineries, gasoline bulk terminals and plants, marine terminals, and organic liquid pipeline facilities. The rule defines high-volatility materials subject to regulation as gasoline, aviation gasoline, gasoline blending stock, naphtha, transmix or any mixture thereof. The rule sets a 500 parts per million concentration limit on emissions from these materials at the exhaust of the truck or control equipment, but allows the use of a positive displacement pump and/or gravity feed methods in lieu of meeting the emission concentration limit. The rule also sets a liquid leak standard of no more than 3 drops per minute, a vapor leak standard of 500 ppm, and prohibits unloading of regulated material by splash-loading. Limits would become effective January 1, 2013. The rule will also require recordkeeping of regulated materials, crude oil and recovered oil and monitoring of emissions concentrations when abatement equipment is used.

The proposed amendments to Regulation 2, Rule 1, Section 113 will exempt vacuum truck operations that will be subject to the requirements of Regulation 8, Rule 53, thereby maintaining consistency with current permitting requirements.

Negative Declaration: A copy of the Negative Declaration, proposed rule amendments and supporting documents are available for review on the District's website at <http://www.baaqmd.gov/Divisions/Planning-and-Research/Rule-Development/Current-Regulatory-Public-Hearings.aspx> and at the District office at 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco.

Written comments on the Negative Declaration must be addressed to:

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Comments on the negative declaration will be received from Friday, February 17, 2012 until 5:00 pm on Friday, March 9, 2012.

Public Hearing: On Wednesday, March 21, 2012 at 9:45 a.m., the Board of Directors of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District will conduct a public hearing to consider adoption of proposed Regulation 8, Rule 53: Vacuum Truck Operations, proposed amendments to Regulation 2, Rule 1: Permits, General Requirements and the adoption of a Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The hearing will be held in the 7th floor Board Room of the District Office, 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco.