



BAY AREA
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DISTRICT

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

February 17, 2012

TO: INTERESTED PARTIES
FROM: EXECUTIVE OFFICER / APCO
SUBJECT: **PUBLIC HEARING: PROPOSED
REGULATION 8, RULE 53: VACUUM TRUCK
OPERATIONS; AMENDMENTS TO
REGULATION 2: PERMITS, RULE 1:
GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

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

The proposed rule will implement control measure SSM-5 in the 2010 Clean Air Plan. Regulation 8, Rule 53 will limit organic vapor emissions from vacuum trucks when loading materials with high volatility 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, transmex 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 storage tank 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.

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 rule would not have significant adverse environmental impacts. Notice is hereby given that the District intends to adopt a negative declaration for the adoption of the rule pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080(c) and CEQA Guidelines section 15070 et seq.

The proposed adoption of Regulation 8, Rule 53, 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 March 9, 2012.

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BART -- CIVIC CENTER STATION 8th AND MARKET STREETS**

Attendees are encouraged to ride public transit, rideshare, bicycle or walk to and from the workshop.