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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

April 18, 2016

TO: INTERESTED PARTIES
FROM: EXECUTIVE OFFICER / APCO
SUBJECT: **PUBLIC HEARING: PROPOSED REVISIONS TO
THE MANUAL OF PROCEDURES**

On **Wednesday, May 18, 2016**, the Board of Directors of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District will conduct a public hearing at the Air District Headquarters' Board Room, 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco, California, at 9:45 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, to consider adoption proposed amendments to the Air District's Manual of Procedures. The Manual of Procedures is a compilation of technical specifications for various procedures to be used by the regulated community to demonstrate compliance with Air District rules.

In December 2015, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD or Air District) adopted amendments to Regulation 11, Rule 10, which bans the use of hexavalent chromium for all cooling towers and imposes hydrocarbon leak monitoring and repair requirements for refinery cooling towers. As part of that rule amendment process, the Air District committed to adopting procedures that industry must follow for certain Total Hydrocarbon (THC) leak detection methods in Rule 11-10. Those procedures are proposed for adoption into the Manual of Procedures (MOP). One new procedure, the Modified El Paso Method (MEPM), will be incorporated into Volume IV of the MOP, while a second new procedure for water sampling/lab analysis will be incorporated into a new section of the MOP – entitled "Volume IX."

A hearing notice and the changes to the MOP as proposed for adoption will be available on the District's web site at www.baaqmd.gov/rulehearings, or by request, at least 30 days before the public hearing. Questions, comments, or requests for copies of the proposed rules should be directed to Greg Nudd at (415) 749-4786, or via e-mail to gnudd@baaqmd.gov. Written comments on the proposed revisions will be accepted from **Tuesday, April 19, 2016** until 5:00 p.m. on **Friday, May 2, 2016**.