



BAY AREA  
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## California Environmental Quality Act

### NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT NEGATIVE DECLARATION

**TO:** Marin County Clerk  
3501 Civic Center Drive, Suite 234  
San Rafael, CA 94903

**FROM:** Bay Area Air Quality  
Management District  
375 Beale St., Suite 600  
San Francisco, CA 94105

**LEAD AGENCY:** Bay Area Air Quality Management District

**PROJECT APPLICANT:** Bay Area Air Quality Management District

**Contact:** Poornima Dixit

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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 Amendments to Regulation 8: Organic Compounds, Rule 8: Wastewater Collection and Separation Systems

**Project Location:** The rule and proposed amendments apply within the Bay Area Air Quality Management District ("Air 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 Air District has regulatory authority over stationary sources of air pollution in the San Francisco Bay Area. The proposed amendments to Regulation 8, Rule 8 (Rule 8-8) address emissions of volatile organic compounds and methane (together referred to as "total organic compounds") from wastewater collection and separation systems at industrial facilities in the Bay Area. The proposed amendments would enact more stringent best available retrofit control technology (BARCT) levels at the refinery wastewater treatment systems by increasing frequency of leak inspections, updating leak detection methodologies and standards to include a wider range of organic compounds (including methane), and strengthening protocols for repairing and minimizing leaks. The amendments also include a number of other changes to improve enforceability of the provisions and expand sampling and monitoring requirements. The Air District has prepared a Staff Report that provides a summary of the rationale for the rule amendments. Background information and analysis is also available in the Staff Report. The proposed amendments and Staff Report are intended to provide the public with information in advance of a Public Hearing.

**Negative Declaration:** A copy of the Negative Declaration is available for review at the Air District office at 375 Beale Street, San Francisco, and on the Air District's website at <https://www.baaqmd.gov/reg8rule8>. Written comments on the Negative Declaration must be addressed to:

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Comments can also be sent by e-mail to [ruledevelopment@baaqmd.gov](mailto:ruledevelopment@baaqmd.gov).

Comments on the Negative Declaration will be received from October 24, 2023, until 5 pm on November 26, 2023.

**Public Hearing:** On Wednesday, December 20, 2023, at 9:00 a.m., the Board of Directors of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District will conduct a public hearing to consider adoption of proposed amendments to Regulation 8: Organic Compounds, Rule 8: Wastewater Collection and Separation Systems and the adoption of a Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The hearing will be held at the Air District Headquarters' Board Room at 375 Beale Street, San Francisco, California 94105 and via webcast at [www.baaqmd.gov](http://www.baaqmd.gov) or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard.

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