



# PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

December 29, 2008

TO: INTERESTED PARTIES  
FROM: EXECUTIVE OFFICER / APCO  
SUBJECT: **PUBLIC HEARING: PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO REGULATION 8, RULE 33: GASOLINE BULK TERMINALS AND GASOLINE DELIVERY VEHICLES; and REGULATION 8, RULE 39: GASOLINE BULK PLANTS AND GASOLINE DELIVERY VEHICLES**

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On **Wednesday, February 4, 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 33: Gasoline Bulk Terminals and Gasoline Delivery Vehicles; and Regulation 8, Rule 39: Gasoline Bulk Plants and Gasoline Delivery Vehicles**; and to consider 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. **District Board meetings commence at 9:45 a.m.**

Regulation 8, Rule 33 sets emission limits for volatile organic compounds (VOCs) from gasoline bulk terminals. Regulation 8, Rule 39 sets similar limits for gasoline bulk plants. These rules complement the California Air Resources Board's (CARB) regulation of gasoline cargo tank delivery vehicles and incorporate CARB's requirements for gasoline cargo tank delivery vehicles. Proposed amendments to Regulation 8, Rule 33 and Rule 39 would reduce VOC emissions and reduce the frequency of events that cause episodic VOC emissions. The proposed amendments include:

1. A reduction in the allowable emission limit; and a requirement to monitor vapor recovery system performance to ensure the vapor recovery system operates properly;
2. A clarification of the vapor leak standards in the rules and reduction in the liquid leak standards;
3. A requirement that loading arm connectors and cargo tank vapor recovery connectors are compatible prior to gasoline loading, and meet vapor and reduced liquid leak standards;
4. A requirement to install pressure sensors to monitor vapor collection piping backpressure, and an alarm or automatic shutdown if backpressure exceeds 18 inches water column;
5. A requirement to install block or vapor check valves in each loading rack vapor collection header to minimize emissions when maintenance is required;
6. A requirement that vapor hose connectors are stored out of the way of the truck driveway to prevent damage to the connectors, which can be a significant source of VOC leakage;
7. A requirement to monitor vapor storage tank airspace emissions to ensure all leaks are discovered and repaired quickly;
8. A requirement to install sample lines on the pressure and vacuum sides of inaccessible pressure/vacuum valves to provide ready access to check for leaks;
9. A requirement to further control the release of organic compounds during maintenance and repair operations.
10. A requirement for an APCO-approved vapor recovery system monitoring, inspection, notification and reporting protocol.

11. A requirement to apply for CARB re-certification if substantive changes are made to equipment or throughput;
12. Revisions to definitions and updates to source test requirements for consistency with federal and state standards.

The proposed amendments will be effective immediately when adopted by the Board of Directors, except as otherwise specified in the proposed amendments (as specified in the proposal, many of the proposed requirements are not effective until January 10, 2011). The proposed amendments would fulfill the District's commitment to examine amendments to Regulation 8, Rule 33 and Rule 39 as stated in control measure SS-7: "Gasoline Bulk Terminals and Plants" of the Bay Area 2005 Ozone Strategy.

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.

A hearing notice, a draft of the amended rules and a staff report, and the draft CEQA environmental checklist and negative declaration will be available on the District's web site at [http://www.baaqmd.gov/pln/ruledev/regulatory\\_public\\_hearings.htm](http://www.baaqmd.gov/pln/ruledev/regulatory_public_hearings.htm) at least 30 days before the public hearing, or may be requested by calling Lilia Martinez at (415) 749-4664.

Questions or comments related to the proposed amendments, staff report, or CEQA analysis should be addressed to Guy Gimlen, Senior Air Quality Engineer, Bay Area Air Quality Management District, 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco, CA 94109. Comments also can be sent by fax to (415) 749-4734 or by e-mail to [ggimlen@baaqmd.gov](mailto:ggimlen@baaqmd.gov). Comments will be received from Tuesday, December 30, 2008 until 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 21, 2009.