



California Environmental Quality Act

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

TO: 1 Dr Carlton B Goodlett Pl
City Hall Room 168
San Francisco, CA 94102

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

**BAY AREA
AIR QUALITY
MANAGEMENT
DISTRICT**

PROJECT APPLICANT: Bay Area Air Quality Management District

PROJECT APPLICANT CONTACT: Robert Cave, 415-749-4653

SUBJECT: FILING OF NOTICE OF DETERMINATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 21152
OF THE PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE AND CEQA GUIDELINES SECTION
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2024-0000043 **Project Title:** Amendments to Bay Area Air Quality Management District Regulation 8:
Organic Compounds, Rule 18: Equipment Leaks.

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SAN FRANCISCO County Clerk

SEP 06 2024

by: *M. Nadonza*
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Deputy County Clerk

Lead Agency and Agency Approving Project: Bay Area Air Quality Management District:
(Air District).

Project Location: The proposed amendments to Air District Regulation 8, Rule 18 would apply within the Air District's jurisdiction, 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 proposed amendments to Air District Regulation 8, Rule 18 (Rule 8-18) address emissions of volatile organic compounds and methane from equipment leaks at refineries, chemical plants, and facilities that load and store organic liquids in bulk quantities in the Bay Area. The proposed amendments would require that certain pieces of equipment in heavy liquid service, including valves and non-steam quenched pumps handling material with initial boiling points between 302 and 372 °F; steam-quenched pumps; compressors; pressure relief devices; and open ended valve or line handling material with initial boiling points greater than 302 °F; and components handling material in gas or vapor phase, be included in Leak Detection and Repair Program requirements. The proposed amendments would also include updates to aid with readability and clarity, as well as changes covering Exemptions, Definitions, Standards, Administrative Requirements, Monitoring and Records, and Procedures.

Agency Determination and Adoption of Negative Declaration: On September 4, 2024, the Air District's Board of Directors approved the rule amendment project described above and determined that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment. A Negative Declaration was prepared and adopted for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA. Mitigation measures were not made a condition of the approval of this project, and no mitigation monitoring plan or program has been adopted.

Location of Negative Declaration and Supporting Documentation: Copies of the Negative Declaration, amended rule, Staff Report, and certain other relevant documents are available on the Air District's website at www.baaqmd.gov/ruledev. Physical copies of the Negative Declaration and all supporting documentation for this project are available for public review at Air District headquarters at 375 Beale Street, Suite 600, San Francisco, CA 94105.

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DAVID JEE FOR ROBERT CAVE 9/4/24
 Robert Cave Date
 Rules and Strategic Policy Division



CEQA Filing Fee No Effect Determination

Applicant Name and Address: 375 Beale Street, Suite 600, San Francisco, CA 94105

CEQA Lead Agency: Bay Area Air Quality Management District

Project Title: Amendments to Regulation 8: Organic Compounds, Rule 18: Equipment Leaks

CEQA Document Type: Negative Declaration

State Clearinghouse Number and/or local agency ID Number: N/A

Project Location: The project location is the nine-county jurisdiction of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (Air District), which includes all of Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, and Napa Counties, and portions of southwestern Solano County and southern Sonoma County. A map of the project location is provided in Figure 2-1 on page 2-9 of the Initial Study attached hereto.

Brief Project Description: The Air District is proposing rule amendment changes to its Regulation 8: Organic Compounds, Rule 18: Equipment Leaks (Rule 8-18) to address emissions of volatile organic compounds and methane from equipment leaks at refineries, chemical plants, and facilities that load and store organic liquids in bulk quantities in the Bay Area. The Air District has regulatory authority over stationary sources of air pollution in the San Francisco Bay Area and statutory authority to promulgate regulations. See Health & Safety Code §§ 40000 and 40001. The proposed rule amendments would require that certain pieces of equipment in heavy liquid service, including valves and non-steam quenched pumps handling material with initial boiling points between 302 and 372 °F; steam-quenched pumps; compressors; pressure relief devices; and components handling material in gas or vapor phase, be included in Leak Detection and Repair Program requirements, which would result in additional monitoring and repair of the previously listed equipment. The proposed amendments would also include updates to the Exemptions, Definitions, Standards, Administrative Requirements, Monitoring and Records, and Procedures sections of the rule to increase the readability and clarity of the rule.

Determination: Based on a review of the project as proposed, the Department of Fish and Wildlife has determined that for purposes of the assessment of CEQA filing fees (Fish & G. Code, § 711.4, subd. (c)) the project has no effect on fish, wildlife or their habitat and the project as described does not require payment of a CEQA filing fee. This determination does not in any way imply that the project is exempt from CEQA and does not determine the significance of any potential project effects evaluated pursuant to CEQA.

Robert Cave
Bay Area Air Quality Management District
August 5, 2024
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Without a valid CEQA Filing Fee No Effect Determination form or proof of fee payment, the project will not be operative, vested, or final and any local permits issued for the project will be invalid, pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 711.4, subdivision (c)(3).

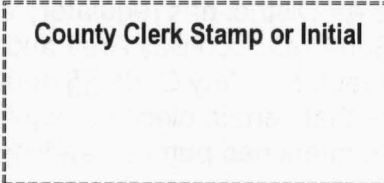
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CDFW Approval By: _____ Date: 8/5/2024
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Erin Chappell
Regional Manager
Bay Delta Region

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 38-09/06/2024-069
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LEAD AGENCY BAY AREA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 09/06/2024
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY	DOCUMENT NUMBER 2024-0000043	

PROJECT TITLE
 AMENDMENTS TO BAY AREA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT REGULATION 8: ORGANIC COMPOUNDS, RULE 18: EQUIPMENT LEAKS

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME ROBERT CAVE	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER (415) 749-4653
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 375 BEALE STREET, SUITE 600	CITY SAN FRANCISCO	STATE CA
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PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

Local Public Agency
 School District
 Other Special District
 State Agency
 Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

Environmental Impact Report (EIR) \$ 4,051.25 \$ _____
 Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND) \$ 2,916.75 \$ _____
 Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW \$ 1,377.25 \$ _____
 Exempt from fee
 Notice of Exemption (attach)
 CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)
 Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only) \$ 850.00 \$ _____
 County documentary handling fee \$ 82.00 \$ _____ **82.00**
 Other \$ _____

PAYMENT METHOD:

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 Credit
 Check
 Other

TOTAL RECEIVED \$ _____ **82.00**

SIGNATURE X	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Mariedyne Nadonza Deputy Clerk
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