



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).

CDFW Approval By:  DocuSigned by:
Erin Chappell
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Erin Chappell
Regional Manager
Bay Delta Region

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