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### NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT NEGATIVE DECLARATION

TO: Marin County Clerk  
3501 Civic Center Drive, Room 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**

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**SUBJECT: NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT NEGATIVE DECLARATION PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 21092 AND 21092.3 OF THE PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE AND CEQA GUIDELINES SECTION 15072**

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

**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 18 (Rule 8-18) address emissions of volatile organic compounds and methane (together referred to as "total organic-compounds") 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 components in heavy liquid service be included in a Leak Detection and Repair (LDAR) Program, 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. 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.

**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/ruledev>. 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 May 23, 2024, until 5 pm on June 22, 2024.

**Public Hearing:** On Wednesday, September 4, 2024, at 10:00 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 18: Equipment Leaks 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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