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MEMORANDUM

To: Planning Commission

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Re: Placer County Air Pollution Control District – Air Quality Permit Regulations

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide additional information regarding Placer County Air Pollution Control District (PCAPCD)'s rules and regulations related to air quality permits. Air quality impacts of the Plaza at Blue Oaks project were evaluated in the Initial Study prepared for the project, which determined that compliance with these rules and regulations would ensure impacts would be less than significant. The PCAPCD permit process ensures that the required local, state, and federal standards are adhered to as it relates to air quality impacts, and that no permit is provided if PCAPCD significance thresholds are exceeded. The applicable PCAPCD permit requirements, rules and regulations are included as Attachments 1-3, below.

Attachments

1. PCAPCD Air Quality Permitting
2. Rule 501 General Permit Requirements
3. PCAPCD Advisory Notice for Gasoline Dispensing Facilities

PCAPCD Air Quality Permitting

State law gives local air pollution control districts “the primary responsibility for control of air pollution from all sources, other than emissions from motor vehicles.” (Health & Safety Code, § 40000.) Pursuant to this authority, the Placer County APCD requires that gas stations obtain a permit known as an “Authority to Construct” prior to building the facility and another annual permit known as a “Permit to Operate” before dispensing gasoline. The APCD’s Rules and Regulations require denial of these permits if the proposed gas station’s air emissions would violate federal, State or local air quality standards. (Placer County APCD, Rules and Regulations, Rule 501, § 303, and Rule 502, § 408.) In addition to controlling the emission of various “criteria pollutants,” the APCD’s permits will address any potential emission of Toxic Air Contaminants from gas stations, including benzene. The APCD will review the proposed “annual throughput” for the gas station and will place any necessary restrictions on the operation to ensure that the facility’s emissions of TACs do not exceed the APCD’s established “health risk” threshold of 10 in 1 million. (See PCAPCD Advisory Notice for Gasoline Dispensing Facilities) Notably, this “10 in 1 million” threshold is identical to the APCD’s CEQA threshold of significance for TACs. Accordingly, it can be said with certainty that a gas station which must obtain an Authority to Construct and Permit to Operate from APCD will not result in any significant TAC emission impacts.

RULE 501 GENERAL PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

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100 GENERAL

101 PURPOSE: To provide an orderly procedure for the review of new sources of air pollution and modification and operation of existing sources through the issuance of permits. Procedures for issuing, modifying, or renewing Title V Permits to Operate for stationary sources that are subject to Rule 507, FEDERAL OPERATING PERMIT PROGRAM, shall also be consistent with the procedures specified in that rule.

102 EXEMPTION RECORDKEEPING: Records must be maintained to substantiate the following exemptions. Records must be maintained on site and made available to the District upon request.

110 EXEMPTION, GENERAL: An Authority to Construct and Permit to Operate shall not be required for the equipment listed in Sections 111 to 122, unless an emissions unit is:

110.1 Subject to New Source Performance Standards, except engines less than 50 horsepower subject to NSPS JJJJ, Standards of Performance for Stationary Spark Ignition ICE; or

110.2 Subject to National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants; or

110.3 Subject to the requirements of Rule 507, FEDERAL OPERATING PERMIT PROGRAM; or

110.4 Emits, in levels deemed appropriate for review by the Air Pollution Control Officer, substances identified as a toxic air contaminant or which are under review pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 39650 et seq.; or

110.5 The Air Pollution Control Officer makes a determination that the emission unit may not operate in compliance with the District Rules and Regulations; or

110.6 An emissions unit or stationary source for which emission reduction credits have been requested or granted in accordance with Rule 504, EMISSION REDUCTION CREDITS.

110.7 An otherwise exempt piece of equipment that is part of a process that requires a permit.

111 EXEMPTION, MOBILE SOURCES:

111.1 Engines used to propel mobile equipment or a motor vehicle of any kind, but not including any article, machine, equipment or other contrivance mounted on such a vehicle that would otherwise require a permit under the provisions of these rules and regulations.

111.2 Locomotives, airplanes and watercraft used to transport passengers or freight. This exemption shall not apply to equipment used for dredging of waterways or equipment used in pile driving adjacent to or in waterways.

112 EXEMPTION, COMBUSTION AND HEAT TRANSFER EQUIPMENT:

112.1 Internal combustion engines with a manufacturer's maximum continuous rating of 50 brake horsepower or less or gas turbine engines with a maximum heat input rate of 3,000,000 British Thermal Units (Btu) per hour or less at ISO standard day conditions (288 degrees Kelvin, 60 percent relative humidity, and 101.3

kilopascals pressure). The ratings of all engines or turbines used in the same process will be accumulated to determine whether this exemption applies.

112.2 Any combustion equipment that has a maximum heat input of less than 1,000,000 Btu per hour (gross) and is equipped to be fired exclusively with natural gas, liquefied petroleum gas or any combination thereof. The ratings of all combustion equipment used in the same process will be accumulated to determine whether this exemption applies.

113 EXEMPTION, RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES: Equipment utilized exclusively in connection with any structure, when the structure is designed for and used exclusively as a dwelling for not more than four families.

114 EXEMPTION, AGRICULTURAL OPERATIONS: Equipment used exclusively in the growing of agricultural crops, or in the commercial raising of fowl or other animals. This exemption does not apply to an agricultural source, as defined in this Rule, that is:

114.1 A Major Stationary Source or Major Modification, as defined in Rule 502, NEW SOURCE REVIEW, or

114.2 A stationary source that emits in any 12-month period air contaminant emissions equal to or more than the following quantities of emissions:

- a. 50 percent of the major source thresholds for regulated air pollutants (excluding HAPs);
- b. 5 tons per year of a single HAP;
- c. 12.5 tons per year of any combination of HAPs; and
- d. 50 percent of any lesser threshold for a single HAP as the U.S. EPA may establish by rule.

115 EXEMPTION, COOLING SYSTEMS AND VACUUM CLEANING: Refrigeration, air conditioning, ventilating, or vacuum cleaning systems not designed to remove air contaminants generated by equipment which would require a permit under these rules and regulations.

116 EXEMPTION, COOLING TOWERS: Water cooling towers that have a circulation rate of less than 10,000 gallons per minute and which are not used for the cooling of process water, water from barometric jets, or water from barometric condensers.

117 EXEMPTION, STORAGE AND TRANSFER: Tanks, reservoirs, vessels or other containers and their associated dispensing, pumping and compression systems used exclusively for the storage of:

117.1 Liquefied or compressed gases.

117.2 Unheated organic materials with an initial boiling point of 150 degrees Celsius (302 degrees Fahrenheit) or greater, as determined by the testing procedure specified in Section 501.2, or with an organic vapor pressure of 5 mm Hg (0.1 psia) or less at 20°C, as determined by the testing procedure specified in Section 501.3.

117.3 Organic liquids with a vapor pressure of 77.5 mm Hg (1.5 psia) or less at 20°C, as determined by the testing procedure specified in Section 501.3, stored in containers having a capacity of 23,000 liters (6076 gallons or less). Equipment used exclusively for the transfer of organic liquids with a vapor pressure of 77.5 mm Hg (1.5 psia) at 20°C to or from storage.

117.4 Unheated solvent dispensing containers of 380 liters (100 gallons) capacity or less.

118 EXEMPTION, SURFACE COATING AND PREPARATION:

118.1 Water solution containing no more than two percent volatile organic compounds by weight for surface preparation, cleaning, stripping, etching (other than chemical milling) or the electrolytic plating with electrolytic polishing of, or the electrolytic stripping of brass, bronze, cadmium, copper, iron lead, nickel, tin, zinc, and precious metals.

118.2 Surface coating operations using a combined total of one gallon per day or less of coating material and solvent.

118.3 Unheated non-conveyorized solvent rinsing containers or unheated non-conveyorized coating dip tanks of 380 liters (100 gallons) capacity or less with an open surface area of one square meter (11 square feet) or less providing no more than 25 gallons of solvent are evaporated or lost to the atmosphere from all such equipment per calendar year.

119 EXEMPTION, FOOD PROCESSING: The following processing equipment for food or other human consumables and exhaust systems or collectors serving exclusively such equipment:

119.1 Used in eating establishments for the purpose of preparing food for human consumption.

119.2 Smokehouses in which the maximum horizontal inside cross sectional area does not exceed 2 square meters (21.5 square feet).

119.3 Mixers and blenders used in bakeries.

119.4 Confection cookers.

119.5 Used exclusively to grind, blend or package tea, cocoa, spices, or roasted coffee.

120 EXEMPTION, LABORATORY EQUIPMENT: Laboratory equipment used exclusively for chemical or physical analysis and bench scale tests, including associated vacuum-producing equipment.

121 EXEMPTION, REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE: Repairs or maintenance not involving changes to any equipment for which a permit has been granted under Section 301 of this rule.

122 EXEMPTION, OTHER EQUIPMENT: Unless subject to the requirements of Rule 507, FEDERAL OPERATING PERMIT PROGRAM, other equipment authorized for exemption by the Air Pollution Control Officer and which would emit less than 2 pounds in any 24 hour period of any pollutants without the benefit of air pollution control devices.

200 DEFINITIONS: Unless otherwise defined below, the terms used in this rule are defined in Rule 502, NEW SOURCE REVIEW; Rule 504, EMISSIONS REDUCTION CREDITS; and Rule 102, DEFINITIONS; and apply in hierarchical order.

201 ADMINISTRATIVE PERMIT AMENDMENT: An amendment to a Permit to Operate which:

- 201.1 Corrects a typographical error; or
- 201.2 Identifies a minor administrative change at the stationary source; for example, a change in the name, address, or phone number of any person identified in the permit; or
- 201.3 Requires more frequent monitoring or reporting by a responsible official of the stationary source; or
- 202 AGRICULTURAL SOURCE OF AIR POLLUTION OR AGRICULTURAL SOURCE:** A source of air pollution or a group of sources used in the production of crops, or the raising of fowl or animals located on contiguous property under common ownership or control, including, but not limited to the following criteria:
- 202.1 Is a confined animal facility, including, but not limited to, any structure, building, installation, barn, corral, coop, feed storage area, milking parlor, or system for the collection, storage, treatment, and distribution of liquid and solid manure, if domesticated animals, including, but not limited to, cattle, calves, horses, sheep, goats, swine, rabbits, chickens, turkeys, or ducks are corralled, penned, or otherwise caused to remain in restricted areas for commercial agricultural purposes and feeding is by means other than grazing.
- 202.2 Is an internal combustion engine used in the production of crops or the raising of fowl or animals, including, but not limited to, an engine subject to Section 41750 of the California Health & Safety Code, except an engine that is used to propel implements of husbandry, as that term is defined in Section 36000 of the Vehicle Code, as that section existed on January 1, 2003.
- 203 ANNIVERSARY DATE:** The day and month of issuance of a Permit to Operate and that same day and month of each succeeding year.
- 204 APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS:** Air quality requirements with which a facility must comply pursuant to the District's regulations, codes of California statutory law, the Federal Clean Air Act as amended in 1990 and implementing regulations, other provisions of the United States Code, and the Code of Federal Regulations.
- 205 AUTHORITY TO CONSTRUCT:** A preconstruction permit authorizing construction prior to the starting of construction and conforming to the requirements of Rule 502, NEW SOURCE REVIEW.
- 206 COMMENCE:** As applied to construction, means that the owner or operator has all of the necessary permits or approvals required under state and federal air quality control laws, District Rules and Regulations, and those air quality control laws and regulations which are part of the California State Implementation Plan, and has:
- 206.1 Begun, or caused to begin, a continuous program of on-site construction of the source, to be completed in a reasonable time; or
- 206.2 Entered into binding agreements or contractual obligations which cannot be canceled or modified without substantial loss to the owner or operator, to undertake a program of actual construction of the source to be completed within a reasonable time.
- 207 CONTIGUOUS PROPERTY:** Two or more parcels of land with a common boundary or separated solely by a public roadway or other public right-of-way.

- 208 EMISSIONS UNIT:** An identifiable operation or piece of process equipment such as an article, machine, or other contrivance which controls, emits, may emit, or results in the emissions of any air pollutant directly or as fugitive emissions.
- 209 REGULATED POLLUTANT:** A pollutant for which an Ambient Air Quality Standard has been established by the EPA or by the California Air Resources Board (ARB), and the precursors to such pollutants.
- 210 RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL:** An individual with the authority to certify that a source complies with all applicable requirements, including the conditions of permits issued to sources in accordance with Regulation 5, PERMITS. A "responsible official" means one of the following:
- 210.1 For a corporation, a president, secretary, treasurer, or vice-president of the corporation in charge of a principal business function, or any other person who performs similar policy or decision-making functions for the corporation, or a duly authorized representative of such person if the representative is responsible for the overall operation of one or more manufacturing, production, or operating facilities applying for or subject to a permit and either:
 - 210.1.1 The facilities employ more than 250 persons or have gross annual sales or expenditures exceeding \$25 million (in second quarter 1980 dollars); or
 - 210.1.2 The delegation of authority to such representative is approved in advance by the Air Pollution Control Officer;
 - 210.2 For a partnership or sole proprietorship, a general partner or the proprietor, respectively; or
 - 210.3 For a municipality, state, federal, or other public agency, either a principal executive officer or a ranking elected official; or
 - 210.4 For an acid rain unit subject to Title IV (Acid Deposition Control) of the Clean Air Act, the "responsible official" is the designated representative of that unit for any purposes under Title IV and Rule 507, FEDERAL OPERATING PERMIT PROGRAM.
- 211 STARTUP:** means the setting in operation of a stationary source or emission unit for any purpose.
- 212 STATIONARY SOURCE (SOURCE OR FACILITY):** Any building, structure, facility, or emissions unit which emits or may emit any regulated pollutant directly or as fugitive emissions.
- 212.1 Building, structure, facility, or emissions unit includes all pollutant emitting activities which:
 - 212.1.1 Belong to the same industrial grouping; and
 - 212.1.2 Are located on one property or on two or more contiguous properties; and
 - 212.1.3 Are under the same or common ownership, operation, or control or which are owned or operated by entities which are under common control.

212.2 Pollutant emitting activities shall be considered as part of the same industrial grouping if:

212.2.1 They belong to the same two-digit standard industrial classification code under the system described in the 1987 Standard Industrial Classification Manual; or

212.2.2 They are part of a common production process. (Common production process includes industrial processes, manufacturing processes and any connected processes involving a common material.)

212.3 The emissions of cargo carriers associated with the stationary source shall be considered emissions from the stationary source to the extent that emission reductions from these cargo carriers are proposed as offsets.

213 TITLE V PERMITS: A permit issued, denied, renewed, amended, or reopened pursuant to Rule 507, FEDERAL OPERATING PERMIT PROGRAM, and the Federal Clean Air Act as amended in 1990 (42 U.S.C. Section 7401 et seq.), and Part 70 Code of Federal Regulations, "State Operating Permit Programs".

300 STANDARDS

301 AUTHORITY TO CONSTRUCT: Any person building, erecting, placing on site, altering or replacing any article, machine, equipment or other contrivance, the use of which may cause, eliminate, reduce, or control the issuance of air contaminants, shall first obtain authorization for such construction from the Air Pollution Control Officer (APCO) as specified in Section 403 of this rule. The emissions unit(s) shall not commence operation until the Air Pollution Control Officer takes final action to approve the Authority to Construct. After the emissions unit(s) commence operation, the Authority to Construct may remain in effect as a Temporary Permit to Operate until a Permit to Operate the equipment is granted or denied or the application is canceled.

301.1 An Authority to Construct, unless extended, shall expire no later than one year following the construction completion date given by the applicant, or no later than two years following the date of permit issuance, whichever occurs first.

301.2 If a written request to extend the Authority to Construct is received by the Air Pollution Control Officer prior to the expiration of the Authority to Construct, an extension may be granted for up to two years if the Air Pollution Control Officer determines that: (1) commencement of construction has occurred, and a good faith effort to complete the project has been made; and (2) the parameters of the project remain the same as in the initial application.

301.3 The Air Pollution Control Officer shall be notified of the anticipated date of initial startup or operation of any permitted emission unit.

301.4 The Air Pollution Control Officer shall be notified of the actual date of initial startup within five (5) days after such date.

302 PERMIT TO OPERATE: Any person operating an emission unit, shall first obtain a written permit from the Air Pollution Control Officer.

303 STANDARDS FOR GRANTING APPLICATIONS:

303.1 The Air Pollution Control Officer shall deny an Authority to Construct or Permit to Operate, except as provided in Rule 502, NEW SOURCE REVIEW, if the

applicant does not show that every emission unit is so designed, controlled, equipped, and operated with such air pollution control equipment that it may be shown to operate without emitting or without causing to be emitted air contaminants in violation of these rules and regulations or of such state or federal statutes as may be enforceable by the Air Pollution Control Officer on the date the application is deemed complete.

303.2 No Permit to Operate shall be granted, either by the Air Pollution Control Officer or the Hearing Board, for any emission unit which has been constructed or installed without authorization as required by Section 301 of this rule, until:

303.2.1 The information necessary to enable the Air Pollution Control Officer to make the determination required by Section 303 of this rule and Rule 502, NEW SOURCE REVIEW is presented to the Air Pollution Control Officer; and

303.2.2 Such emission unit is altered, if necessary, and made to conform to the standards set forth in Section 303 of this rule, elsewhere in these rules and regulations, and in the California Health and Safety Code.

303.3 In acting upon a Permit to Operate, if the Air Pollution Control Officer finds that the emission unit has not been constructed in accordance with the Authority to Construct, he or she shall deny the Permit to Operate. The Air Pollution Control Officer shall not accept any further application for a Permit to Operate the emission unit so constructed until he or she finds that the emission unit has been reconstructed in accordance with the Authority to Construct.

303.4 The Air Pollution Control Officer shall require enforceable emission limitations as permit conditions in Authorities to Construct and Permits to Operate to assure the permanence of surplus actual emissions reductions applied for use as internal reductions or emission reduction credits in accordance with Rule 502, NEW SOURCE REVIEW and Rule 504, EMISSION REDUCTION CREDITS.

303.5 The Air Pollution Control Officer shall determine that an applicant for an authority to construct or modify a potential source of air contaminants located within 1,000 feet from the outer boundary of a school has complied with the applicable requirements of California Health and Safety Code Section 42301.6, preparation and distribution of a public notice, prior to approving an application for an Authority to Construct permit.

303.6 Approval to construct shall not relieve any owner or operator of the responsibility to comply fully with all applicable requirements, including applicable provisions of the California State Implementation Plan, District Rules and Regulations, or State or Federal law.

303.7 The Air Pollution Control Officer shall require the applicant, as a condition of the Authority to Construct, to comply with the requirements of California Health and Safety Code Part 6, (Section 44300 et seq.), Air Toxics "Hot Spots" Information and Assessment Act.

304 PROVISION OF SAMPLING AND TESTING FACILITIES: In addition to the monitoring and testing required to comply with state or federal laws or regulations, the Air Pollution Control Officer may, upon reasonable written notice or before an Authority to Construct or Permit to Operate is granted, require the applicant or the owner or operator of any emission unit to:

- 304.1 Provide and maintain such facilities as are necessary for sampling and testing purposes in order to secure information that will disclose the nature, extent, quantity or degree of air contaminants discharged into the atmosphere from the equipment in question. In the event of such a requirement, the Air Pollution Control Officer shall notify the applicant in writing of the required size, number and location of sampling holes; the size and location of the sampling platform; the access to the sampling platform; and the utilities for operating the sampling, testing, and air monitoring equipment. Such platform and access shall be constructed in accordance with the applicable General Industry Safety Orders of the State of California.
- 304.2 Provide and maintain sampling and monitoring apparatus to measure emissions of air contaminants.
- 304.2.1 Continuous emission monitoring systems, as a minimum, shall be installed to meet the performance specifications required, by Section 502 of this rule.
- 304.2.2 A violation of emission standards of these rules, as shown by the continuous emission monitoring system, shall be reported by the owner or operator to the Air Pollution Control Officer within 96 hours, or such earlier time as may be required by Rule 404, UPSET CONDITIONS, BREAKDOWN AND SCHEDULED MAINTENANCE.
- 304.2.3 In the event of a breakdown of monitoring equipment, the owner or operator shall notify the Air Pollution Control Officer within 48 hours and shall initiate repairs. The owner or operator shall inform the Air Pollution Control Officer of the intent to shutdown any monitoring equipment at least 24 hours prior to the event.
- 304.2.4 Compliance with the subsections above, does not exempt the owner or operator from applicable provisions of Rule 404, UPSET CONDITIONS, BREAKDOWN AND SCHEDULED MAINTENANCE, the emergency provisions of Rule 507, FEDERAL OPERATING PERMIT PROGRAM, pursuant to 40 CFR 70.6(g), or the separate reporting requirements of other federal regulations to which the stationary source or emissions unit is subject.
- 304.3 If the Air Pollution Control Officer determines that technological or economic limitations on the application of measurement methodology to a particular class of sources would make the imposition of a numerical emission standard infeasible, the Air Pollution Control Officer may instead prescribe a design, operational, or equipment standard. In such cases, the Air Pollution Control Officer may require the installation or modification of process monitoring devices such that the design characteristics or equipment will be properly maintained, or that the operational conditions will be properly performed, so as to continuously achieve the assumed degree of control. To the extent applicable, reporting requirements for process monitors shall be the same as for continuous emission monitoring systems.
- 304.4 A person operating or using a continuous emission monitoring system shall, upon written notice from the Air Pollution Control Officer, provide a summary of the data obtained from such systems. This summary of the data shall be in the form and manner prescribed by the Air Pollution Control Officer. The summary of data shall be available for public inspection at the office of the Air Pollution Control District. Records from the monitoring equipment shall be kept by the owner or

operator for a period of five (5) years, during which time they shall be available to the Air Pollution Control Officer in such form as he or she directs.

305 TRANSFER: An Authority to Construct or Permit to Operate shall only be transferable, whether by operation of law or otherwise, either from one location to another, from one piece of equipment to another, or from one person to another by means of an application for authorization in accordance with Section 403 of this rule.

306 PERMIT RENEWAL: Every Permit to Operate, except as specified below, shall be renewable annually on the permit's anniversary date, commencing one (1) year after the date of issuance.

306.1 Action to suspend or revoke the permit has been initiated and such action has resulted in a final determination to suspend or revoke the permit by the Air Pollution Control Officer or the Hearing Board and all appeals, or time for appeals, has been exhausted.

306.2 Fees applicable to the renewal of the permit(s) to operate have not been paid, as specified in Regulation 6, FEES.

306.3 The Air Pollution Control Officer shall review every Permit to Operate upon annual renewal, pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 42301(e), to determine that permit conditions are adequate to ensure compliance with, and the enforceability of, District Rules and Regulations and state and federal laws and regulations applicable to the emission unit for which the permit was issued. Applicable District Rules and Regulations shall include those which were in effect at the time the permit was issued or modified, or which have subsequently been adopted and made retroactively applicable to an existing emission unit by the District Board of Directors. The Air Pollution Control Officer shall revise the conditions, if such conditions are not consistent, in accordance with these rules, regulations, and laws.

306.4 The Air Pollution Control Officer may establish an annual permit renewal date for all Permits to Operate held by a stationary source. Thereafter, Permits to Operate shall be renewable that same day and month of each succeeding year, subject to any other requirements of these Rules and Regulations and of state law, regarding validity, voiding or revocation of permits.

307 PERFORMANCE TESTING: Within sixty (60) days after achieving the maximum production rate or the maximum rate of emissions to which the source is limited by enforceable conditions, but not later than one hundred eighty (180) days after initial startup of such source, or as otherwise required by the Air Pollution Control Officer to determine continuous compliance with emission limitations or to confirm emission reductions claimed, the owner or operator of such source shall conduct performance test(s) in accordance with methods and under operating conditions as are approved by the Air Pollution Control Officer and furnish the Air Pollution Control Officer a written report of the results of such performance test(s) within 60 days of completion of such tests..

307.1 Such test(s) shall be at the expense of the owner or operator.

307.2 Testing shall be conducted with the source(s) of emissions operating at maximum capacity or other rate conforming to the maximum rate of emissions to which the source(s) are limited by enforceable condition(s).

- 307.3 The Air Pollution Control Officer may monitor such test and may also conduct performance tests.
- 307.4 The owner or operator of a source shall provide the Air Pollution Control Officer prior notice of the performance test to afford the Air Pollution Control Officer the opportunity to have an observer present. Notice shall be at least 15 days prior to the test, or as agreed to by the Air Pollution Control Officer.
- 307.5 The Air Pollution Control Officer may waive the requirement for performance tests if the owner or operator of a source has demonstrated by other means to the Air Pollution Control Officer's satisfaction that the source is being operated in compliance with all local, state, and federal regulations which are part of the California State Implementation Plan.

400 ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS

- 401 POSTING:** A person who has been granted a Permit to Operate any emission unit described in Section 302 of this rule shall maintain a legible copy of said permit on the premises of the subject equipment. Other information, analysis, plans or specifications which disclose the nature, extent, quantity, or degree of air contaminants which are or may be discharged from such source shall be readily available for inspection by the Air Pollution Control Officer.
- 402 ALTERING OF PERMIT:** A person shall not willfully deface, alter, forge, counterfeit, or falsify a Permit to Operate any emission unit described in Section 302 of this rule. A permit amendment or revision requested by the owner or operator, other than an administrative permit, shall require the filing of an application. For an administrative permit amendment, a responsible official may implement the change addressed in the written request immediately upon submittal of the request. The Air Pollution Control Officer shall take final action no later than sixty (60) days after receiving the written request for an administrative permit amendment.
- 402.1 After verifying that the permit revision is an administrative permit amendment, the Air Pollution Control Officer may revise the permit without providing notice to the public or any affected state.
- 402.2 The Air Pollution Control Officer shall provide a copy of the revised permit to the responsible official
- 402.3 While the Air Pollution Control Officer need not make a completeness determination on a written request, the Air Pollution Control Officer shall notify the responsible official if the Air Pollution Control Officer determines that the permit cannot be revised as an administrative permit amendment.
- 403 APPLICATIONS:** An application for an Authority to Construct, Permit to Operate, change of ownership, or an application for a permit amendment, permit reopening, or revision shall be filed in the manner and form prescribed by the Air Pollution Control Officer, and shall give all the information necessary to enable the Air Pollution Control Officer to make the determinations required by Section 303 of this rule and other applicable District Rules and Regulations and state and federal laws and regulations.
- 403.1 A responsible official representing the owner or operator shall certify the truth, accuracy and completeness of application forms.
- 403.2 When the information submitted with the application is insufficient for the Air Pollution Control Officer to make the required determinations, upon the written

request of the Air Pollution Control Officer a responsible official shall supplement any complete application with additional information within the time frame specified by the Air Pollution Control Officer.

403.3 A responsible official shall promptly provide additional information in writing to the Air Pollution Control Officer upon discovery of submittal of any inaccurate information as part of the application or as a supplement thereto, or of any additional relevant facts previously omitted which are needed for accurate analysis of the application.

403.4 Intentional or negligent submittal of inaccurate information shall be reason for denial of an application.

403.5 An application for an Authority to Construct, Permit to Operate, or permit amendment or revision shall be accompanied by payment of the application filing fee specified in Regulation 6, FEES.

404 ACTION ON APPLICATIONS: The Air Pollution Control Officer shall notify the applicant in writing of his or her approval, conditional approval, suspension, or denial of the application for an Authority to Construct or Permit to Operate.

404.1 In the event said notification or notification of application completeness pursuant to Rule 502, NEW SOURCE REVIEW, is not received by applicant within 30 days of the filing of the application, or within 30 days of providing further information as required by Section 403, the applicant may, at his or her option, deem the application to construct or Permit to Operate denied.

404.2 Service of said notification may be made in person or by mail, and such service may be proved by the written acknowledgment of the person(s) served or affidavit of the person making the service.

405 CONDITIONAL APPROVAL: The Air Pollution Control Officer may issue an Authority to Construct or a Permit to Operate subject to conditions which will bring the operation of the emission unit within the standards of Section 303 of this rule. The conditions shall be specified in writing. Commencing work under such an Authority to Construct, or operation under such a Permit to Operate, shall be deemed acceptance of all the conditions so specified. The Air Pollution Control Officer shall issue an Authority to Construct or a Permit to Operate with revised conditions upon receipt of a new application, if the applicant demonstrates that the emission unit can operate under the revised conditions within the standards of Section 303 of this rule.

406 DENIAL OF APPLICATION: In the event of a denial of an Authority to Construct or Permit to Operate, the Air Pollution Control Officer shall notify the applicant in writing of the reasons therefore. Service of this notification may be made in person or by mail, and such service may be proved by the written acknowledgment of the person(s) served or affidavit of the person making the service. The Air Pollution Control Officer shall not accept a further application unless the applicant has complied with the objections specified by the Air Pollution Control Officer as his or her reasons for denial of the Authority to Construct or the Permit to Operate.

407 DISCLOSURE: The Air Pollution Control Officer, at any time, may require from an applicant, or holder of, any permit provided for in these rules and regulations, such information, analyses, plans, or specifications which will disclose the nature, extent, quality, or degree of air contaminants which are, or may be, discharged by the source for which the permit was issued or applied. The Air Pollution Control Officer may require that such disclosures be certified by a professional engineer registered in the State of

California. A responsible official representing the owner or operator shall certify the truth, accuracy and completeness of disclosures. Studies necessary to provide such information shall be at the expense of the owner or operator of the source for which a permit was issued or applied.

408 EMISSION STATEMENT: Upon the request of the Air Pollution Control Officer and as directed by the Air Pollution Control Officer, the owner or operator of any stationary source operation which emits or may emit oxides of nitrogen or reactive organic gas shall provide the Air Pollution Control Officer with a written statement, in accordance with Rule 503, EMISSION STATEMENT, showing actual emissions of oxides of nitrogen and reactive organic gas from that source.

409 SUSPENSION: The Air Pollution Control Officer may suspend a permit if a holder of such permit willfully fails and refuses to furnish information, analyses, plans, and specifications, within a reasonable time, as requested by the Air Pollution Control Officer pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Section 42303, District Rules and Regulations, or any other law, rule, regulation, agreement, or order enforceable by the District. The Air Pollution Control Officer shall serve notice, in writing, of such suspension and the reasons therefore. Service of said notification may be made in person or by mail, and such service may be proved by the written acknowledgment of the persons served or affidavit of the person making the service. The permit shall be reinstated when the Air Pollution Control Officer is furnished with all requested information, analyses, plans, and specifications.

410 CANCELLATION OF APPLICATION: An Authority to Construct or Permit to Operate application may be canceled by the Air Pollution Control Officer:

410.1 At the request of the applicant; or

410.2 If additional information has been requested of the applicant in accordance with Section 403 without the subsequent submittal of information within a reasonable time.

410.3 If applicable permit fees of Rule 601, PERMIT FEES are not paid when due the application may be cancelled and any issued Authority to Construct or Permit to Operate may be voided.

411 CANCELLATION OF PERMIT TO OPERATE: If, prior to the surrender of the operating permit, the Air Pollution Control Officer determines that the source or the emissions unit has been removed or fallen into an inoperable or un-maintained condition, the Air Pollution Control Officer may notify the owner of the intent to cancel the permit, providing the owner or operator with 30 days to respond. If the owner cannot demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Air Pollution Control Officer that the owner intended to operate again, or the owner does not respond within 30 days from the date a second noticing of the District's intent to cancel the permit is mailed by the District to the owner or operator, then the Air Pollution Control Officer may cancel the permit and deem the source or emissions unit shutdown as of the last known date the source or emissions unit discharged emissions.

411.1 The owner or operator may request an extension of time, in writing prior to the end of the sixty (60) day period following the initial notice, from the Air Pollution Control Officer.

411.2 The Air Pollution Control Officer may grant an extension of time not to exceed ninety (90) days.

411.3 The owner or operator may claim emissions reductions resulting from the shutdown in accordance with the provisions of Rule 504, EMISSION REDUCTION CREDITS, prior to the end of the sixty (60) day period following the initial notice, or prior to the expiration of an extension.

411.4 The Air Pollution Control Officer shall advise, in writing, the owner or operator of the stationary source or emissions unit for which a permit is canceled of the cancellation decision.

411.5 The owner or operator may appeal the decision to cancel the permit pursuant to Section 413 of this rule.

412 TEMPORARY PERMIT: The Air Pollution Control Officer may issue a temporary Permit to Operate. The temporary Permit to Operate shall specify a reasonable period of time during which the emission unit may be operated in order for the District to determine whether it will operate in accordance with the conditions specified in the permit.

413 APPEALS: Within ten days after notice, by the Air Pollution Control Officer, of cancellation, suspension, denial, or conditional approval of an Authority to Construct, Permit to Operate, or emissions reduction credit application, the applicant or any other aggrieved person who participated in the permit issuance proceedings may petition the Hearing Board, in writing, for an order modifying or reversing that decision. The Hearing Board after public notice and a public hearing held within thirty days after filing the petition, may sustain or reverse the action of the Air Pollution Control Officer; such order may be made subject to specified conditions.

500 MONITORING AND RECORDS

501 TESTING PROCEDURES:

501.1 General Requirements: Except as otherwise specified in the District Rules and Regulations, the State Implementation Plan, and the applicable federal requirements of Rule 507, FEDERAL OPERATING PERMIT PROGRAM, testing methods for determining compliance with emission limits shall be:

501.1.1 The appropriate methods adopted by the California Air Resources Board and cited in Title 17, California Code of Regulations, Division 3, Subchapter 8, Compliance with Non-vehicular Emission Standards; or

501.1.2 The appropriate methods of 40 CFR part 50, Appendix M, Recommended Test Methods for State Implementation Plans; or

501.1.3 Any appropriate method of 40 CFR part 60, Appendix A, Test Methods; or

501.1.4 An alternative method following review and approval of that method by the California Air Resources Board and US Environmental Protection Agency.

501.2 Initial Boiling Point: ASTM D-1078-86, "Test Method for Distillation Range of Volatile Organic Liquids".

501.3 Vapor Pressure: ASTM D-2879-86, "Vapor Pressure-Temperature Relation and Initial Decomposition Temperature of Liquids by Isoteniscope".

502 MONITORING: As applicable, each emission source subject to the requirements of Section 301 and 302 shall comply with the following monitoring requirements:

502.1 The requirements of Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 60, Appendix B and F.

502.2 The applicable federal requirements for monitoring of Title V of the Federal Clean Air Act as amended in 1990 (42 U.S.C. Section 7401 et seq.).

503 RECORDKEEPING:

503.1 The following records shall be maintained and provided to the Air Pollution Control Officer upon request.

503.1.1 Emissions monitoring and process data records necessary for the determination and reporting of emissions, in accordance with applicable provisions of the District Rules and Regulations, shall be maintained. Records shall be kept for at least two years and shall be kept 5 years for sources subject to the applicable requirements of Title V and Rule 507, FEDERAL OPERATING PERMIT PROGRAM.

503.1.2 Other records of the nature and amounts of emissions or any other information as may be deemed necessary by the Air Pollution Control Officer to determine whether the stationary source or emissions unit is in compliance with applicable emission limitations, credited emission reductions, exemptions from rule provisions, or other requirements. The information must include emission measurements, continuous emission monitoring system performance testing measurements, performance evaluations, calibration checks and adjustments, maintenance performed on such monitoring systems, and other records and reports required by Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 60, Appendix B and F.

503.1.3 Operation and maintenance plans shall be submitted to the District for all add-on capture and control equipment for review and approval by the Air Pollution Control Officer. Such plans shall demonstrate, though the use of specific recordkeeping requirements, continuous operation of the add-on control equipment when emission producing operations are occurring. The plan shall also specify records to be kept to document the performance of required periodic maintenance. Records shall be consistent with compliance time frames and employ the most recent US Environmental Protection Agency recordkeeping guidance.

503.2 The Air Pollution Control Officer may require recordkeeping to verify or maintain any exemption.

RULE 502 NEW SOURCE REVIEW

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101 PURPOSE: The purpose of this rule is to provide for the review of new and modified stationary air pollution sources and to provide mechanisms, including emission offsets, by which authorities to construct for such sources may be granted without interfering with the attainment or maintenance of ambient air quality standards.

102 APPLICABILITY: This rule shall apply to all new stationary sources and emissions units and all modifications to existing stationary sources and emissions units that, after construction, emit or may emit any NSR regulated pollutant within the District.

If any source or modification becomes a major source or major modification solely by virtue of the relaxation of any limitation that was established after August 7, 1980, on the capacity of the source or modification to emit a federal nonattainment pollutant or its precursor such as a restriction on hours of operation, then the requirements of this rule shall apply to such a source or modification as though construction had not yet commenced on the source or modification.

This rule shall not apply to prescribed burning of forest, agriculture or range land; open burning in accordance with District Regulation 3, OPEN BURNING; road construction, or any non-point source common to timber harvesting or agricultural practices.

The regulations in effect at the time any application for an Authority to Construct for a new or modified source is deemed complete shall apply to that source except when a new federal requirement not yet incorporated into this Rule applies to the new or modified source.

103 PUBLIC NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS: The public notice requirements of Sections 406 and 407 shall apply if the project is for a new or modified stationary source or emissions unit for which offsets are required pursuant to Section 303.1, and to all new or modified stationary sources that are projected to emit increased actual lead emissions at a rate of 5 tons per year or greater.

200 DEFINITIONS: The following definitions apply for all terms used in this Rule. If a term is not defined below, then the definitions provided in Rule 102, DEFINITIONS, and Rule 504, EMISSIONS REDUCTION CREDITS, apply in that hierarchical order.

201 ACTUAL EMISSIONS: Emissions having occurred from a source, based on source test and actual fuel consumption or process data, or monitoring data. If source test or monitoring data is not available, other appropriate, APCO-approved, emission factors may be used. Fugitive emissions associated with the emissions unit shall be included in the actual emissions of the emissions unit.

202 ACTUAL EMISSIONS REDUCTIONS (AER): The decrease of actual emissions, compared to Baseline Actual Emissions, from an emissions unit. AER shall be real, federally enforceable, quantifiable, surplus, and permanent.

203 ACTUAL INTERRUPTIONS OF ELECTRICAL POWER: When electrical service is interrupted by an unforeseeable event.

204 ALLOWABLE EMISSIONS: The emissions rate of a stationary source calculated using the maximum rated capacity of the source (unless the source is subject to federally enforceable limits which restrict the operating rate, hours of operation, or both) and the most stringent of the following:

204.1 Any applicable standards set forth in these regulations and 40 CFR Part 60, 61, or 63;

- 204.2 Any applicable emission limitation in the State Implementation Plan (SIP), including those with a future compliance date; or
- 204.3 The emissions rate specified as a federally enforceable permit condition, including those with a future compliance date.
- 205 AMBIENT AIR QUALITY STANDARDS:** There are both State and federal ambient air quality standards. For the purpose of submittal to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for inclusion in the California State Implementation Plan all references in this rule to Ambient Air Quality Standards shall be interpreted as National Ambient Air Quality Standards.
- 206 BASELINE ACTUAL EMISSIONS (BAE):**
- 206.1 "Baseline Actual Emissions" are the actual emissions for the existing emissions unit averaged over the consecutive two (2) year period immediately preceding the date of the application. If the last two years are unrepresentative of normal source operations as determined by the APCO, then any other 2 consecutive year period during the last five years which the APCO determines represents normal source operations may be used.
- 206.2 If, at any time during the 2 year period, actual emissions exceeded allowable emission levels, then actual emissions shall be reduced to reflect emission levels that would have occurred if the unit were in compliance with all applicable limitations and rules.
- 206.3 Where an emissions unit has been in operation for less than 2 years, a shorter averaging period of at least 12 months may be used, provided that the averaging period is representative of the full operational history of the emissions unit. If less than 12 months has passed since the date of issuance of the Permit to Operate then Actual Emissions shall be used as the Baseline Actual Emissions.
- 207 BEGIN ACTUAL CONSTRUCTION:** Initiation of physical on-site construction activities on an emissions unit which is of a permanent nature. Such activities include, but are not limited to, installation of building supports and foundations, laying of underground pipe work, and construction of permanent storage structures. With respect to a change in method of operation that does not involve a physical change, this term refers to those on-site activities, other than preparatory activities, which mark the start of the change in the method of operation.
- 208 BEST AVAILABLE CONTROL TECHNOLOGY (BACT):** The most stringent emission limitation or control technique of the following:
- 208.1 Achieved in practice for such category and class of source; or
- 208.2 Contained in any SIP approved by the EPA for such category and class of source. A specific limitation or control technique shall not apply if the owner of the proposed emissions unit demonstrates to the satisfaction of the APCO that such a limitation or control technique is not presently achievable; or
- 208.3 Contained in an applicable federal New Source Performance Standard; or
- 208.4 Any other emission limitation or control technique, including process and equipment changes of basic or control equipment, found by the APCO to be cost effective and technologically feasible for such class or category of sources.

- 209 CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA):** The California Environmental Quality Act, Public Resources Code, Section 21000, et seq.
- 210 CLASS I AREA:** Any area listed as Class I in 40 CFR 81.405 or an area otherwise specified as Class I in the legislation that creates a national monument, a national primitive area, a national preserve, a national recreational area, a national wild and scenic river, a national wildlife refuge, a national lakeshore or seashore. The only designated Class I area within 20 miles of Placer County as of October 13, 2011 was Desolation Wilderness Area in El Dorado County.
- 211 COMMENCE:** As applied to construction of a major stationary source or major modification means that the owner or operator has all necessary preconstruction approvals or permits and either has:
- 211.1 Begun, or caused to begin, a continuous program of actual on-site construction of the source, to be completed within a reasonable time; or
- 211.2 Entered into binding agreements or contractual obligations, which cannot be canceled or modified without substantial loss to the owner or operator, to undertake a program of actual construction of the source to be completed within a reasonable time.
- 212 CARGO CARRIERS:** Cargo carriers are trains dedicated to a specific source.
- 213 CONSTRUCTION:** Means any physical change or change in the method of operation (including fabrication, erection, installation, demolition, or modification of an emissions unit) which would result in a change in actual emissions.
- 214 CONTIGUOUS PROPERTY:** Two or more parcels of land with a common point or boundary or separated solely by a public roadway or other public right-of-way.
- 215 COST-EFFECTIVE:** A cost per unit of emissions reduction which is lower than or equivalent to the maximum unit costs of the same emissions reduction through the use of Best Available Control Technology, calculated in current year dollars, in accordance with methodology and criteria specified in guidelines developed by the District.
- 216 EMERGENCY ENGINES:** A stationary engine that meets the criteria specified below:
- 216.1 It is installed for the primary purpose of providing electrical power or mechanical work for emergency use and is not the source of primary power at the facility; and
- 216.2 It is operated to provide electrical power or mechanical work during any emergency use; and
- 216.3 It is operated no more than 100 hours per year for maintenance and testing, emissions testing or initial start-up testing. Diesel engines may be further limited by the California Air Resources Board's Airborne Toxic Control Measure for Stationary Compression Engines in Section 93115.6(a)).
- 217 EMERGENCY USE:** The providing of electrical power or mechanical work during any of the following events.
- 217.1 The failure or loss of all or part of normal electrical power service or normal natural gas supply to the facility, or the failure of a facility's internal power distribution system:

- 217.1.1 Which is caused by any reason other than the adherence to a contractual obligation the owner or operator has with a third party or any other party; and
- 217.1.2 Which is demonstrated by the owner or operator, to the APCO's satisfaction, to have been beyond the reasonable control of the owner or operator.
- 217.2 The pumping of water or sewage to prevent or mitigate a flood or sewage overflow.
- 217.3 The pumping of water for fire suppression or protection.
- 217.4 The powering of ALSF-1 or ALSF-2 airport runway lights under category II or III weather conditions.
- 217.5 The pumping of water to maintain pressure in the water distribution system for the following reasons:
 - 217.5.1 A pipe break that substantially reduces water pressure; or
 - 217.5.2 High demand on the water supply system due to high use of water for fire suppression; or
 - 217.5.3 The breakdown of electric-powered pumping equipment at sewage treatment facilities or water delivery facilities.
- 217.6 The emergency operation of ski lifts during an actual interruption of normal electrical power service to the facility.
- 218 EMISSION DECREASE:** Any modification that would result in an emission decrease of actual emissions.
- 219 EMISSION REDUCTION CREDITS (ERC):** Reductions of actual emissions from emission units that are certified by an air district in accordance with that district's rules and are issued by the air district in the form of ERC certificates.
- 220 EMISSIONS LIMITATION:** One or more federally enforceable permit conditions specific to an emissions unit that restricts its maximum emissions, at or below the emissions associated with the maximum design capacity; and that is contained in the latest Authority to Construct or enforceable by the latest Permit to Operate for the emission unit.

Emissions limitations should be stated in a manner consistent with testing procedures. They may be expressed as an enforceable design, operational, or equipment standard.
- 221 EMISSIONS UNIT:** An identifiable operation or piece of process equipment such as an article, machine, or other contrivance which controls, emits, may emit, or results in the emissions of any air pollutant directly or as fugitive emissions.
- 222 FEDERALLY ENFORCEABLE:** All limitations and conditions which are enforceable by the EPA administrator, including those requirements developed pursuant to 40 CFR parts 60, 61 and 63, requirements within the California State Implementation Plan (SIP), any permit requirements established pursuant to 40 CFR 52.21 or under regulations approved pursuant to 40 CFR part 51, subpart I, including operating permits issued under an EPA-approved program that is incorporated into the SIP and expressly requires adherence to any permit issued under such program.

- 223 FUGITIVE EMISSIONS:** Those emissions that could not reasonably pass through a stack, chimney, vent, or other functionally equivalent opening.
- 224 FUNCTIONALLY EQUIVALENT EMISSION UNIT:** An emission unit that serves the identical function as the unit being replaced. The maximum rating and the potential to emit any pollutant shall not be greater from the functionally equivalent emission unit than the replaced unit. The emission increase from any such replacement shall not result in a major modification.
- 225 HALOGENATED HYDROCARBONS:** For the purposes of this rule, halogenated hydrocarbons are the following:
- 225.1 1,1,1-trichloroethane
 - 225.2 methylene chloride
 - 225.3 2,2-dichloro-1,1,1-trifluoroethane (HCFC-123)
 - 225.4 2-chloro-1,1,1,2-tetrafluoroethane (HCFC-124)
 - 225.5 trichlorofluoromethane (CFC-11)
 - 225.6 dichlorodifluoromethane (CFC-12)
 - 225.7 1,1,1-trichloro-2,2,2-trifluoroethane (CFC-113)
 - 225.8 1-chloro-1,1-difluoro-2-chloro-2,2-difluoroethane (CFC-114)
 - 225.9 chloropentafluoroethane (CFC-115)
 - 225.10 pentafluoroethane (HFC-125)
 - 225.11 1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethane (HFC-134)
 - 225.12 tetrafluoroethane (HFC-134a)
 - 225.13 1,1-dichloro-1-fluoroethane (HCFC-141b)
 - 225.14 1-chloro-1,1-difluoroethane (HCFC-142b)
 - 225.15 1,1,1-trifluoroethane (HFC-143a)
 - 225.16 chlorodifluoromethane (HCFC-22)
 - 225.17 trifluoromethane (HFC-23)
 - 225.18 1,1-difluoroethane (HFC-152a)
 - 225.19 The following four classes of perfluorocarbon compounds:
 - a. Cyclic, branched, or linear, completely fluorinated alkanes.
 - b. Cyclic, branched, or linear, completely fluorinated ethers, with no unsaturations.
 - c. Cyclic, branched, or linear, completely fluorinated tertiary amines with no unsaturations.
 - d. Sulfur-containing perfluorocarbons with no unsaturations and with sulfur bonds only to carbon and fluorine.
 - e. Perfluorocarbon compounds will be assumed to be absent from a product or process unless a manufacturer or facility operator identifies the specific individual compounds (from the broad classes of perfluorocarbon compounds) and the amounts present in the product or process and provides a validated test method which can be used to quantify the specific compounds.
- 226 HAZARDOUS AIR POLLUTANT (HAP):** Any air pollutant listed pursuant to Section 112(b) of the Federal Clean Air Act as amended in 1990 (42 U.S.C. Section 7401 et seq.).
- 227 HISTORIC ACTUAL EMISSIONS (HAE):** Historic Actual Emissions shall be calculated for each pollutant.
- 227.1 For a new emissions unit Historic Actual Emissions are equal to zero.
 - 227.2 For an existing emissions unit, Historic Actual Emissions equals either, in hierarchical order;

227.2.1 The federally enforceable potential to emit (PTE) limit contained in the most recent Authority to Construct or Permit to Operate, if actual emissions are at least 80% of the permitted PTE limit, or

227.2.2 The federally enforceable PTE limit contained in the most recent Authority to Construct or Permit to Operate, if the emission unit was fully offset for any emission increases incurred since September 21, 1993, within the 5 year period prior to the date of application for the current project, or

227.2.3 The Baseline Actual Emissions.

- 228 IDENTICAL EMISSION UNIT:** A replacement emissions unit which is the same as the original unit in all respects except for serial number.
- 229 LAKE TAHOE AIR BASIN:** Established pursuant to Section 39606 of the Health & Safety Code of the State of California and as described in Title 17, California Code of Regulations, Section 60113 (b), the basin includes that portion of Placer County within the drainage area naturally tributary to Lake Tahoe including said Lake, plus that area in the vicinity of the head of the Truckee River described as follows: commencing at the point common to the aforementioned drainage area crest line and the line common to Townships 15 North and 16 North, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian (M.D.B. & M.), and following that line in a westerly direction to the northwest corner of Section 3, Township 15 North, Range 16 East, (M.D.B. & M.), thence south along the west line of Sections 3 and 10, Township 15 North, Range 16 East, M.D.B. & M., to the intersection with the drainage crest line, thence following the said drainage area boundary in a southwesterly, then northeasterly direction to and along the Lake Tahoe Dam, thence following the said drainage area crest line in a northeasterly, then northwesterly direction to the point of beginning. This Air Basin is delineated on an official map on file at the California Air Resources Board Headquarters Office.
- 230 MAJOR STATIONARY SOURCE – SACRAMENTO AIR BASIN:** A stationary source which emits or has the potential to emit: 25 tons per year (tpy) or more of nitrogen oxides or reactive organic compounds, or 100 tpy or more of sulfur oxides, or PM2.5. In addition, any physical change occurring at a stationary source not otherwise qualifying as a major stationary source, which would constitute a major stationary source by itself, makes the source a major stationary source.
- 231 MAJOR STATIONARY SOURCE – MOUNTAIN COUNTIES AIR BASIN:** A stationary source which emits or has the potential to emit 25 tons per year (tpy) or more of nitrogen oxides or reactive organic compounds. In addition, any physical change occurring at a stationary source not otherwise qualifying as a major stationary source, which would constitute a major stationary source by itself, makes the source a major stationary source.
- 232 MAJOR MODIFICATION:** A modification to a major stationary source in the Sacramento or Mountain Counties Air Basins which results in a significant emissions increase of the pollutant for which the source is classified as a major stationary source. For nitrogen oxides and reactive organic compounds, the increase shall be aggregated with all other increases and decreases in potential to emit over the period of the four consecutive years before the application for modification, plus the calendar year of the most recent application.
- 233 MODIFICATION:** Any physical change, change in method of operation (including change in fuel characteristics), addition to, or any change in hours of operation, or change in production rate of, which:

- 233.1 For an emissions unit: would necessitate a change in permit conditions, permit equipment description, or emissions limitation.
- 233.2 For a stationary source: is a modification of any emissions unit, or addition of any new emissions unit.
- 233.3 Unless previously limited by a permit condition and that permit condition must be changed, the following shall not be considered a modification:
- 233.3.1 A change in ownership.
- 233.3.2 Routine maintenance and repair, or an identical replacement.
- 233.3.3 The addition of a continuous emission monitoring system.
- 233.3.4 The replacement of air pollution control equipment with new control equipment if the actual emissions of the new equipment are less than or equal to those from the original piece of equipment and the replacement is not a major modification under the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations promulgated pursuant to Title I of the Federal Clean Air Act, including 40 CFR Part 51.
- 233.3.5 Use of an alternative fuel or raw material by reason of an order under Sections 2(a) and (b) of the Energy Supply and Environmental Coordination Act of 1974 (or any superseding legislation), or by reason of a natural gas curtailment plan pursuant to the Federal Power Act.
- 233.3.6 Use of an alternative fuel by reason of an order or rule under Section 125 of the Act.
- 233.4 A reconstructed stationary source or emissions unit shall be treated as a new stationary source or emissions unit, not as a modification.
- 234 MOUNTAIN COUNTIES AIR BASIN:** Established pursuant to Section 39606 of the Health & Safety Code of the State of California and as described in Title 17, California Code of Regulations, Section 60111 (I), the Mountain Counties Air Basin includes all of Placer County except that portion included in the Lake Tahoe Air Basin, defined by 17 CCR 60113(b), and that portion included in the Sacramento Valley Air Basin, defined by 17 CCR 60106(k).
- 235 NECESSARY PRECONSTRUCTION APPROVALS OR PERMITS:** Federal air quality control laws and regulations and those air quality control laws and regulations which are part of the SIP.
- 236 NONATTAINMENT POLLUTANT:** Any pollutant as well as any precursors of such pollutants which have been designated "nonattainment" by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as codified in 40 CFR 81.305, or which has been designated nonattainment by the California Air Resources Board pursuant to Section 39607 of the Health and Safety Code for specific air basins in Placer County.
- 237 NSR REGULATED POLLUTANT:** A pollutant for which an Ambient Air Quality Standard has been established by the EPA or by the California Air Resources Board (ARB), and the precursors to such pollutants, including, but not limited to, reactive organic compounds (ROC), nitrogen oxides (NOx), sulfur oxides (SOx), PM10, PM2.5, carbon monoxide (CO) and lead.

- 238 PM2.5:** Particulate matter with an aerodynamic diameter smaller than or equal to a nominal 2.5 microns. Gaseous emissions which condense to form PM2.5 shall also be counted as PM2.5.
- 239 PM10:** Particulate matter with an aerodynamic diameter smaller than or equal to a nominal 10 microns. Gaseous emissions which condense to form PM10 shall also be counted as PM10.
- 240 PORTABLE EQUIPMENT:** Equipment that is periodically relocated and is not operated more than a total of 180 days at any one location in the District within any continuous twelve (12) month period.
- 241 POTENTIAL TO EMIT (PTE):** The maximum physical and operational design capacity to emit an air pollutant. Any limitation on the physical or operational design capacity, including emission control devices and restrictions on hours of operation, or on the type, or amount of material combusted, stored, or processed, may be considered as part of the design only if the limitation, or the effect it would have on emissions, is incorporated into the Authority to Construct as a federally enforceable permit condition. Fugitive emissions associated with the emissions unit or stationary source shall be included in the potential to emit of the emissions unit or stationary source.
- 242 PRECURSOR:** A pollutant that, when emitted into the atmosphere, may undergo either a chemical or physical change which then produces another pollutant for which an Ambient Air Quality Standard has been adopted, or whose presence in the atmosphere will contribute to the violation of one or more Ambient Air Quality Standards. The following precursor-secondary air contaminant relationships shall be used for the purposes of this rule:

Precursor	Secondary Air Contaminant
Reactive Organic Compound	a. Photochemical oxidants (Ozone) b. Organic fraction of PM10
Nitrogen Oxides	a. Nitrogen dioxide b. Nitrate fraction of PM10 c. Nitrate fraction of PM2.5 d. Photochemical oxidants (Ozone)
Sulfur Oxides	a. Sulfur dioxide b. Sulfates c. Sulfate fraction of PM10 d. Sulfate fraction of PM2.5

- 243 PREVENTION OF SIGNIFICANT DETERIORATION (PSD):** A federal permitting program for new and modified major stationary sources of air pollution for pollutants that do not exceed National Ambient Air Quality Standards.
- 244 PRIORITY RESERVE BANK:** A depository for preserving emission reduction credits pursuant to Rule 505, PRIORITY RESERVE.
- 245 PROPOSED EMISSIONS:** Emissions based on the potential to emit for the new or modified emissions unit which will be incorporated into the permit as federally enforceable permit conditions.
- 246 QUARTERLY:** Calendar quarters beginning January 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1.
- 247 QUARTERLY EMISSION LIMITATION:** One or a combination of permit conditions specific to an emissions unit that restricts its maximum emissions, in pounds per quarter, at or below the emissions associated with the maximum design capacity. A quarterly emissions limitation must be:

- 247.1 Contained in the latest Authority to Construct or enforceable by the latest Permit to Operate for the emissions unit, and
- 247.2 Enforceable on a quarterly basis.
- 248 **REACTIVE ORGANIC COMPOUND:** For the purposes of this rule, reactive organic compound (ROC) has the same definition as volatile organic compound (VOC) in Rule 102, DEFINITIONS.
- 249 **RECONSTRUCTED SOURCE:** Any stationary source or emissions unit undergoing physical modification where the fixed capital cost of the new components exceeds 50 percent of the fixed capital cost of a comparable entirely new stationary source or emissions unit. Fixed capital cost means that capital needed to provide all the depreciable components. A reconstructed source shall be treated as a new stationary source or emissions unit.
- 250 **REDUCED SULFUR COMPOUNDS:** The sulfur compounds hydrogen sulfide, carbon disulfide and carbonyl sulfide.
- 251 **REPLACEMENT EMISSION UNIT:** An emissions unit for which all the criteria listed below are met. No creditable emission reductions shall be generated from shutting down the existing emissions unit that is replaced unless:
- 251.1 The emissions unit is a reconstructed unit within the meaning of 40 CFR 60.15(b)(1), or the emissions unit completely takes the place of an existing emissions unit, or
- 251.2 The emissions unit is an identical emission unit or a functionally equivalent emission unit, or
- 251.3 The replacement does not alter the basic design parameters of the process unit, and
- 251.4 The replaced emissions unit is permanently removed from the stationary source, otherwise permanently disabled, or permanently barred from operation by a permit that is federally enforceable. If the replaced emissions unit is brought back into operation, it shall constitute a new emissions unit.
- 252 **SACRAMENTO VALLEY AIR BASIN:** Established pursuant to Section 39606 of the Health & Safety Code of the State of California and as described in Title 17, California Code of Regulations, Section 60106(k), the basin includes that portion of Placer County which lies west of Range 9 east, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian (M.D.B. & M.).
- 253 **SIGNIFICANT:** In reference to an emissions increase or the potential of a source to emit any of the following pollutants, a rate of emissions that would equal or exceed any of the following rates:
- 253.1 Carbon monoxide: 100 tpy;
- 253.2 Nitrogen oxides: 25 tpy;
- 253.3 Sulfur dioxide: 40 tpy;
- 253.4 Ozone: 25 tpy of VOCs or 25 tpy of nitrogen oxides;
- 253.5 PM10: 15 tpy

- 253.6 PM2.5: 10 tpy of direct PM2.5 emissions or 40 tpy of sulfur dioxide emissions or 40 tpy of nitrogen oxide emissions
- 253.7 Lead: 0.6 tpy.
- 254 SIGNIFICANT EMISSIONS INCREASE:** For a regulated NSR pollutant, an increase in emissions that is significant for that pollutant.
- 255 STATIONARY SOURCE (SOURCE OR FACILITY):** Any building, structure, facility, or emissions unit that emits or may emit any NSR regulated pollutant directly or as fugitive emissions.
- 255.1 Building, structure, facility, or emissions unit includes all pollutant emitting activities which:
- 255.1.1 belong to the same industrial grouping, and;
- 255.1.2 are located on one property or on two or more contiguous properties, and;
- 255.1.3 are under the same or common ownership, operation, or control or which are owned or operated by entities which are under common control.
- 255.2 Pollutant emitting activities shall be considered as part of the same industrial grouping if:
- 255.2.1 they belong to the same two digit standard industrial classification code under the system described in the 1987 Standard Industrial Classification Manual, or;
- 255.2.2 they are part of a common production process. (Common production process includes industrial processes, manufacturing processes and any connected processes involving a common material.)
- 255.3 The emissions of cargo carriers associated with the stationary source shall be considered emissions from the stationary source to the extent that emission reductions from these cargo carriers are proposed as offsets.
- 256 STATIONARY SOURCE PTE:** The sum of the PTE for each emission unit which has been issued a Permit of Operate, Authority to Construct or for which an application has been submitted. Any fugitive emissions from such emission units shall be included in this calculation.
- 257 SURPLUS:** The amount of emission reductions that are, at the time of generation of an Emissions Reduction Credit (ERC), not otherwise required by federal, state, or local law, not required by any legal settlement or consent decree, and not relied upon to meet any requirement related to the California State Implementation Plan (SIP). However, emission reductions required by a state statute that provides that the subject emission reductions shall be considered surplus may be considered surplus for purposes of this Rule if those reductions meet all other applicable requirements.
- Examples of federal, state, and local laws, and of SIP-related requirements, include, but are not limited to, the following:
- 257.1 The federally-approved California SIP;

- 257.2 Other adopted state air quality laws and regulations not in the SIP, including but not limited to, any requirement, regulation, or measure that: (1) the District or the state has included on a legally-required and publicly-available list of measures that are scheduled for adoption by the District or the State in the future; or (2) is the subject of a public notice distributed by the District or the State regarding an intent to adopt such revision;
- 257.3 Any other source- or source-category specific regulatory or permitting requirement, including, but not limited to, Reasonable Available Control Technology (RACT), New Source Performance Standards (NSPS), National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP), Best Available Control Measures (BACM), Best Available Control Technology (BACT), and the Lowest Achievable Emission Rate (LAER); and
- 257.4 Any regulation or supporting documentation that is required by the federal Clean Air Act but is not contained or referenced in 40 C.F.R. Part 52, including but not limited to: assumptions used in attainment and maintenance demonstrations (including Reasonable Further Progress demonstrations and milestone demonstrations), including any proposed control measure identified as potentially contributing to an enforceable near-term emissions reduction commitment; assumptions used in conformity demonstrations; and assumptions used in emissions inventories.
- 258 **TEMPORARY SOURCE:** Temporary emission sources such as pilot plants, and portable facilities which will be terminated or located outside the District after less than a cumulative total of 90 days of operation in any 12 continuous months.
- 259 **TOTAL REDUCED SULFUR COMPOUNDS:** The sulfur compounds hydrogen sulfide, methyl mercaptan, dimethyl sulfide and dimethyl disulfide.

300 STANDARDS

- 301 **EMISSION AND OFFSET CALCULATIONS:** The following provisions shall be used to calculate emission increases and decreases from all new and modified emissions units located at a stationary source.
- 301.1 **BACT – Emissions Increase:** The emissions increase for each emissions unit related to the project for the purposes of determining BACT applicability shall be calculated as the proposed emissions minus the Baseline Actual Emissions. Calculations shall be performed separately for each emissions unit for each calendar quarter.
- 301.2 **Offsets - Emissions Increase or Decrease:** The emissions increase or decrease for each emissions unit related to the project for the purposes of determining Offset applicability shall be calculated as the proposed emissions, minus the Historic Actual Emissions. Emission increases or decreases shall be calculated for each emission unit and the project as a whole.
- 301.3 **Project Emissions:** If a project consists of more than one emission unit, the total emissions from all emissions units shall be summed for each pollutant to determine the emissions increase for the project. The project includes the entire scope of the preconstruction application for a new or modified stationary source.
- 301.4 **Calculation Periods:** The emissions increase or decrease for a project shall be calculated on a daily, quarterly and annual basis for each pollutant.

- 301.5 **Potential To Emit - Stationary Sources:** The potential to emit of a new or modified stationary source shall be calculated as the sum of the potential to emit, including fugitive emissions, for all emissions units, based on emission limitations established by current Permits to Operate, Authorities to Construct where permits to operate have not been issued, and the pending application.
- 301.6 **Quantity of Offsets Required For New Major Sources or Major Modifications:** If offsets are required pursuant to Section 303.2, the quantity of offsets to be provided shall be determined by calculating the emission increase for the project and applying the appropriate offset ratio based on pollutant and location as specified in Section 303.3. The calculations shall be performed separately for each pollutant and each emissions unit for each calendar quarter.
- 301.7 **Quantity of General (State) Offsets Required:** If offsets are required pursuant to Section 303.1, the quantity of offsets to be provided shall be determined as follows:
- 301.7.1 If offsets have already been provided by a stationary source for a particular pollutant, then multiply the emission increase calculated for the project by the appropriate offset ratio based on pollutant and location as specified in Section 303.3, or
- 301.7.2 If no offsets have been provided previously by a stationary source for a particular pollutant, then subtract the offset threshold specified in Section 303.1 for that pollutant from the stationary source PTE and multiply the value by the appropriate offset ratio based on pollutant and location as specified in Section 303.3.
- 301.8 **Quantity of Offsets Required For A Modification That Makes An Existing Source A Major Stationary Source:** When the proposed modification will make an existing minor source a new major source, offsets required shall be calculated as the sum of proposed PTE for all emissions units installed after September 21, 1993 based on current permits to operate and Authority to Construct where permits to operate have not been issued, plus the pending application, minus offsets supplied since September 21, 1993. Calculations shall be performed separately for each pollutant and each emissions unit for each calendar quarter. The offset ratios of Section 303.3 shall be applied to determine the ERCs required.
- 302 REQUIREMENT TO APPLY BEST AVAILABLE CONTROL TECHNOLOGY:** An applicant shall apply Best Available Control Technology (BACT) to a new emissions unit or modification of an existing emissions unit, except cargo carriers, if the change would result in an increase in quarterly emissions of a NSR regulated pollutant from the new or modified emissions unit and if the PTE of the new or modified emissions unit equals or exceeds the levels specified below.

<u>Pollutant</u>	<u>lb/day</u>
Reactive organic compounds	10
Nitrogen oxides	10
Sulfur oxides	80
PM10	80
PM2.5	80
Carbon monoxide	550
Lead	3.3
Vinyl chloride	5.5
Sulfuric acid mist	38
Hydrogen sulfide	55

Total reduced sulfur compounds	55
Reduced sulfur compounds	55

303 OFFSET REQUIREMENTS

- 303.1 General Requirement to Provide Offsets: An applicant whose facility is located in the Sacramento Valley Air Basin or the Mountain Counties Air Basin shall provide offsets for a NSR regulated pollutant if the potential to emit of a new or modified source exceeds either of the threshold quantities listed below:

<u>Pollutant</u>	<u>Pounds per quarter</u>	<u>Tons per year</u>
Reactive organic compounds	5,000	10
Nitrogen oxides	5,000	10
Sulfur oxides	13,750	27.5
PM10	7,500	15
PM2.5	7,500	15
Carbon monoxide	49,500	99

- 303.2 Major Source or Major Modification Requirement to Provide Offsets: An applicant whose facility is located in the Sacramento Valley Air Basin or the Mountain Counties Air Basin, and whose project emissions will result in a new major source or major modification, shall provide offsets for each NSR regulated pollutant that constitutes a major source or major modification.

- 303.3 Location of Offsets and Offset Ratios: The applicable offset ratio shall be determined based on the location of the new or modified stationary source required to provide offsets and the distance to the location of the emission offsets, as indicated in the following table.

<u>Location of Offset</u>	<u>Offset Ratio</u>	<u>Offset Ratio</u>
	<u>NOx and ROC</u>	<u>Other Pollutants</u>
Same Source	1.0 to 1.0	1.0 to 1.0
Within 15-Mile radius and within the same air basin	1.3 to 1.0	1.2 to 1.0
Greater than 15-Miles but within 50-Mile radius within the same air basin	1.5 to 1.0	1.5 to 1.0
Greater than 50-Mile radius and within the same air basin	Greater than 1.5 to 1.0	Greater than 1.5 to 1.0

- 303.3.1 The APCO may impose, based on the air quality analysis, a higher offset ratio such that the new or modified stationary source will not prevent or interfere with the attainment or maintenance of any ambient air quality standard.

- 303.3.2 Applicants providing offsets obtained pursuant to Rule 505, PRIORITY RESERVE, shall be subject to an offset ratio of 1.2 to 1.0 for all pollutants, except NOx and VOC, at all distances. The offset ratio for NOx and VOC offsets obtained pursuant to Rule 505, PRIORITY RESERVE, shall be subject to an offset ratio of 1.3 to 1.0 at all distances.

303.4 General Offset Provisions

- 303.4.1 All offsets shall be real, surplus, federally enforceable, quantifiable and permanent.

- 303.4.2 All offsets provided for major sources and major modifications shall be surplus at the time ERCs are surrendered to the District.
- 303.4.3 All offsets shall be surrendered to the District prior to the initial startup of the new or modified source, and the offsets shall be maintained throughout the operation of the new or modified source which is the beneficiary of the offsets.
- 303.4.4 Offsets can only come from air basins with the same or worse air quality designations than that of the stationary source requiring the offsets.
- 303.4.5 In no case shall halogenated hydrocarbons, exempt compounds or any other compound excluded from the definition of reactive organic compounds, be used as offsets for reactive organic compounds.
- 303.4.6 For sources which have provided full offsets of total suspended particulate (TSP), the PM10 emissions from an existing stationary source shall be recalculated from the TSP emission increases and decreases which have occurred since December 31, 1976, using PM10 emission factors. When PM10 emission factors do not exist, it shall be assumed that 50% of the TSP is PM10.
- 303.5 Timing of Quarterly Emission Offsets: Sufficient offsets shall be provided, from the same calendar quarter as the proposed emission increase, with the following exceptions:
- 303.5.1 Emission reductions of reactive organic compounds or nitrogen oxides during the quarters starting April 1 or July 1 may be used to offset emission increases of the same pollutants during any calendar quarter.
- 303.5.2 Emission reductions of carbon monoxide during the quarters starting January 1 or October 1 may be used to offset emission increases of carbon monoxide during any calendar quarter.
- 303.5.3 Emission reductions of PM10 or PM2.5 during the quarters starting January 1 or October 1 may be used to offset emission increases of PM10 or PM2.5 during any calendar quarter.
- 303.5.4 Emission reductions of sulfur oxides during any quarter may be used to offset emission increases of sulfur oxides during any calendar quarter.
- 303.6 Interpollutant Offsets
- 303.6.1 The APCO may approve interpollutant offsets for precursor pollutants on a case by case basis, provided that the applicant demonstrates, through the use of an air quality model, that the emission increases from the new or modified source will not cause or contribute to a violation of an ambient air quality standard.
- 303.6.2 Interpollutant offsets between PM10 and PM10 precursors are allowed only if PM10 precursors contribute significantly to the PM10 levels that exceed the PM10 ambient standards.
- 303.6.3 PM10 emissions shall not be allowed to offset nitrogen oxides or reactive organic compound emissions in ozone nonattainment areas,

nor be allowed to offset sulfur oxide emissions in sulfate nonattainment areas.

303.6.4 Interpollutant emission offsets between PM_{2.5} precursors are not allowed unless modeling demonstrates that PM_{2.5} interpollutant offset ratios are appropriate in an approved PM_{2.5} attainment plan.

303.6.5 EPA and ARB must concur with all proposed interpollutant offsets ratios prior to use.

303.7 Intra-District Offsets

303.7.1 ERCs generated in another district may be used to offset emission increases in Placer County.

303.7.2 If the ERC generating source and the source with the proposed emissions increase are not in the same air basin, both of the following requirements must be met:

- a. The ERC generating source must be located in an upwind district that is classified, pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 40910 et seq., as being in the same or a worse nonattainment status than the downwind district where the stationary source with the proposed emission increases will be located.
- b. The stationary source at which the emission increases are to be offset must be located in a downwind district that is overwhelmingly impacted, as determined pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 39610, by emissions transported from the upwind district where the ERC generating source is located.

303.7.3 Any offset credited to a stationary source in one district using offsets obtained from reductions at a stationary source in another district shall be approved by a resolution adopted by the governing boards of both the upwind and downwind districts, after taking into consideration the impact of the offset on air quality, public health, and the regional economy. The District's governing board may delegate to the APCO the Board's authority to approve the offsets credited.

303.7.4 For ERCs generated in another district, the District may adjust the value of such credits to reflect any District requirements that would have applied if the credits had been generated within the District.

303.8 Emission Reductions, Shutdowns, and Curtailments: Actual emission reductions from an internal shutdown or curtailment of a permitted emission unit may be credited for the purposes of providing internal offsets provided:

303.8.1 The crediting of emission reductions from source shutdowns and curtailments comply with the current U.S. Environmental Protection Agency emissions trading policy and applicable federal regulations; and

303.8.2 Emissions reductions are ensured by federally enforceable emission limitations contained in the Permit to Operate, or the permanent surrender or cancellation of the Permit to Operate; and

303.8.3 If the shutdown emission unit is being replaced with a new or modified emission unit, the APCO may allow a maximum of 90 days as a

shakedown period for simultaneous operation of the existing and the new or modified emission unit.

303.9 Exemptions From Offset Requirements

- 303.9.1 Offsets shall not be required for temporary sources or portable equipment, if the emissions from such units do not constitute a major source or major modification to a major source.
- 303.9.2 Offsets shall not be required for an emergency engine which is used exclusively for testing, maintenance and emergency use, if the emissions from the emergency engine, excluding emergency use, do not exceed the offset limit by itself.
- 303.9.3 Offsets shall not be required for increases in carbon monoxide emissions if the applicant, using an Air Quality Model approved by the APCO, demonstrates that the increase in ambient concentration does not exceed 500 micrograms per cubic meter, 8 hour average, at or beyond the property line of the stationary source.
- 303.9.4 The requirement to provide offsets shall not apply to the following:
- a. Relocation of emissions units solely within only one air basin within the District, and the relocation does not result in any increase in potential to emit.
 - b. Replacement emissions units, provided the replacement does not constitute a major source or major modification.
 - c. Modifications necessary to comply with any regulations contained in Regulation 2 – PROHIBITIONS, or in the SIP, unless the modification will result in a major modification. This provision does not apply to changes in production rate, hours of operation, or any other change or modification not required for compliance with Regulation 2 or the SIP.
 - d. If requested by the APCO, the applicant shall demonstrate through the use of an air quality model that the emission increases from the new or modified source will not cause or contribute to a violation of an ambient air quality standard.

304 MAJOR SOURCE ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS: The following administrative requirements shall apply to any new major source or major modification regulated by the rule. Power plants over 50 megawatts shall be subject to the additional requirements of Section 500.

- 304.1 Alternative Siting: The applicant shall prepare an analysis functionally equivalent to the requirements of Division 13 of the Public Resources Code (California Environmental Quality Act-CEQA). The District will not issue an Authority to Construct unless the APCO has concluded, based on the information included in the Alternative Siting Analysis that the benefits of the proposed source significantly outweigh the environmental and social cost imposed as a result of its location, construction, or modification.
- 304.2 Certification of Compliance: The owner or operator of the proposed new or modified source has certified that all existing major stationary sources owned or operated by such person (or by any entity controlling, controlled by, or under

common control with such person) in California which are subject to emission limitations are in compliance, or on an expeditious schedule for compliance, with all applicable emission limitations and standards.

- 304.3 Potential Visibility Impacts: The APCO shall consult with the Federal Land Manager on a proposed major stationary source or major modification that may impact visibility in any Class 1 Area, in accordance with 40 CFR 51.307 if the net emissions increase from the new or modified source exceeds 10 tons/year of PM_{2.5}, 15 tons/year of PM₁₀, or 40 tons/year of NO_x; and the location of the source, relative to the closest boundary of a specified federal Class I area is within 20 miles.

305 GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 305.1 Air Quality Models: All estimates of ambient concentrations required pursuant to this rule shall be based on applicable air quality models, databases, and other requirements specified in 40 CFR Part 51, Appendix W ("Guideline on Air Quality Models"). Where an air quality model specified in 40 CFR Part 51, Appendix W ("Guideline on Air Quality Models") is inappropriate, the model may be modified or another model substituted. Such a modification or substitution of a model may be made on a case-by-case basis or, where appropriate, on a generic basis. Written approval from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) must be obtained for any modification or substitution. In addition, use of a modified or substituted model must be subject to notice and opportunity for public comment.

- 305.2 Ambient Air Quality Standards: In no case shall emissions from the new or modified stationary source prevent or interfere with the attainment or maintenance of any applicable ambient air quality standard. The Air Pollution Control Officer (APCO) may require the use of an air quality model to estimate the effects of a new or modified stationary source. The analysis shall estimate the effects of the new or modified stationary source, and verify that the new or modified stationary source will not prevent or interfere with the attainment or maintenance of any ambient air quality standard. In making this determination the APCO shall take into account the mitigation of emissions through offsets pursuant to this rule and the impacts of transported pollutants on downwind pollutant concentrations. The APCO may impose, based on an air quality analysis, offset ratios greater than the requirements of Section 303.2.

400 APPLICATION PROCESSING

- 401 **REQUIREMENT TO SUBMIT APPLICATION:** Any person building, erecting, altering or replacing any article, machine, equipment or other contrivance, the use of which may cause, eliminate, reduce, or control the issuance of air contaminants, shall first obtain authorization for such construction from the APCO as specified in this rule. Exemptions from this requirement are listed in Rule 501, GENERAL PERMIT REQUIREMENTS. The application shall be submitted on forms supplied by the District.
- 402 **COMPLETE APPLICATION REQUIREMENT:** The APCO shall determine whether an application is complete no later than 30 days after receipt of the application, or after such longer time period that the applicant and the APCO have agreed to in writing.

If the APCO determines that the application is not complete, the applicant shall be notified in writing of the decision specifying the information required. Upon receipt of any re submittal of the application, a new 30-day period to determine completeness shall begin. Completeness of an application or a re-submitted application shall be evaluated on the basis of the information requirements set forth in District regulations as they exist on

the date on which the application or re-submitted application was received, or when the CEQA-related information which satisfies the requirements of the District's CEQA Guidelines has been received, whichever is later.

The APCO may, during the processing of the application, request an applicant to clarify, amplify, correct, or otherwise supplement the information submitted in the application.

- 403 PRELIMINARY DECISION:** Following acceptance of an application as complete, the APCO shall perform the evaluations required to determine compliance with all applicable District rules and regulations and make a preliminary written decision as to whether an Authority to Construct should be approved, conditionally approved, or denied.

The decision shall be based on the Section 300 standards in force on the date the application is deemed complete, except when a new federal requirement not yet incorporated into this Rule applies to the new or modified source.

When the District is the CEQA Lead Agency for a project, the APCO shall not issue a preliminary decision until the draft Environmental Impact Report or Negative Declaration is available for public review. The decision shall be supported by a succinct written analysis. For projects requiring offsets, the APCO shall transmit its preliminary written decision and analysis to the California Air Resources Board and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for a 45 day review period.

404 TIMING FOR FINAL ACTION

- 404.1 The APCO shall not take final action for any project for which an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) or a Negative Declaration is being prepared until a final EIR for that project has been certified or a Negative Declaration for that project has been approved, and the APCO has considered the information in that final EIR or Negative Declaration.

The APCO shall take final action on the application within whichever of the following periods of time is longer:

404.1.1 Within 180 days after the certification of the final EIR or approval of the Negative Declaration, or

404.1.2 Within 180 days of the date on which the application was determined complete by the APCO.

- 404.2 Except as provided in Section 103, the APCO shall provide written notice of the final action to the applicant, any commenters, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the California Air Resources Board.

405 AUTHORITY TO CONSTRUCT AND PERMIT TO OPERATE CONTENT: Each Authority to Construct and/or Permit to Operate issued by the APCO shall include the following minimum terms and conditions:

- 405.1 A provision stating that the emission unit shall be operated in a manner consistent with the application used to determine compliance with this rule.

- 405.2 The following emissions limitations shall be included, if applicable:

405.2.1 BACT emission limitations if required by Section 302. Such condition(s) shall be expressed in a manner consistent with testing procedures, such as ppmv NOx, g/liter VOC, or lbs/hr.

405.2.2 A quarterly emissions limitation for each offset pollutant, if offsets are required pursuant to Section 303.

405.2.3 An emission limitation (daily, monthly, or quarterly) shall be contained in the Authority to Construct and Permit to Operate for all NSR pollutants for which offsets are not being provided pursuant to Section 303, or when required to be consistent with ambient air quality standards.

405.3 Design, Operational, or Equipment Standards: If the APCO determines that technological or economic limitations on the application of measurement methodology to a particular class of sources would make the imposition of a numerical emission standard infeasible, the APCO may instead prescribe a design, operational, or equipment standard. In such cases, the District shall make its best estimate as to the emission rate that will be achieved and shall specify that rate in required submissions to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Any Authority to Construct or permit issued without an enforceable numerical emission standard must contain enforceable conditions which assure that the design characteristics or equipment will be properly maintained, or that the operational conditions will be properly performed, so as to continuously achieve the assumed degree of control.

406 **PUBLICATION AND PUBLIC COMMENT:** If a proposed project is required to provide offsets pursuant to Section 303, or if a proposed project may emit increased actual lead emissions at a rate of 5 tons per year or greater, within ten calendar days following a preliminary decision, the APCO shall publish in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the District a notice stating the preliminary decision of the APCO, noting how the pertinent information can be obtained, and inviting written public comment for a 30-day period following the date of publication.

407 **PUBLIC INSPECTION:** Except as provided in Section 103, the APCO shall make available for public inspection at the District's office the information submitted by the applicant and the APCO's analysis no later than the date the notice of the preliminary decision is published. Information submitted which contains trade secrets shall be handled in accordance with Section 6254.7 of the California Government Code and relevant sections of the California Administrative Code. Further, all such information shall be transmitted no later than the date of publication to the California Air Resources Board and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency regional office, and to any party which requests such information.

408 **DENIAL, FAILURE TO MEET STANDARDS:** The APCO shall deny any Authority to Construct or Permit to Operate if the APCO finds that the subject of the application would not comply with the standards set forth in District, state, or federal rules or regulations.

409 **DENIAL, FAILURE TO MEET CEQA:** The APCO shall deny any Authority to Construct or Permit to Operate if the APCO finds that the subject of the application would not comply with the standards set forth in CEQA.

410 **ISSUANCE, PERMIT TO OPERATE:** The APCO shall issue a Permit to Operate an emissions unit subject to the requirements of this rule after determining that all conditions specified in the Authority to Construct have been complied with or will be complied with by the dates specified on the Authority to Construct. Such applicable conditions shall be contained in the Permit to Operate. Where a new or modified stationary source is, in whole or in part, a replacement for an existing stationary source on the same property, the APCO may allow a maximum of 90 days as a shakedown period for simultaneous operation of the existing stationary source and the new source or replacement.

500 **ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS FOR POWER PLANTS:** This Section shall apply to power plants with maximum ratings equal to, or in excess of 50 megawatts proposed to be constructed in the District and for which a Notice of Intention (NOI) or Application for Certification (AFC) has been accepted by the California Energy Commission.

501 Within 14 days of receipt of a Notice of Intention, the APCO shall notify the California Air Resources Board and the California Energy Commission of the District's intent to participate in the Notice of Intention proceeding. If the District chooses to participate in the Notice of Intention proceeding, the APCO shall prepare and submit a report to the California Air Resources Board and the California Energy Commission prior to the conclusion of the non-adjudicatory hearing specified in Section 25509.5 of the California Public Resources Code. That report shall include, at a minimum:

501.1 A preliminary specific definition of Best Available Control Technology for the proposed facility;

501.2 A preliminary discussion of whether there is substantial likelihood that the requirements of this rule and all other District regulations can be satisfied by the proposed facility;

501.3 A preliminary list of conditions which the proposed facility must meet in order to comply with this rule or any other applicable District regulation.

The preliminary determinations contained in the report shall be as specific as possible within the constraints of the information contained in the Notice of Intention.

502 Upon receipt of an Application for Certification for a power plant, the APCO shall conduct a determination of compliance review. This determination shall consist of a review identical to that which would be performed if an application for an Authority to Construct had been received for the power plant. If the information contained in the Application for Certification does not meet the requirements of this rule, the APCO shall, within 20 calendar days of receipt of the Application for Certification, so inform the California Energy Commission, and the Application for Certification shall be considered incomplete and returned to the applicant for re-submittal.

503 The APCO shall consider the Application for Certification to be equivalent to an application for a permit to construct during the determination of compliance review, and shall apply all provisions of this rule which apply to applications for an Authority to Construct.

504 The APCO may request from the applicant any information necessary for the completion of the determination of compliance review. If the APCO is unable to obtain the information, the APCO may petition the presiding Commissioner of the California Energy Commission for an order directing the applicant to supply such information.

505 Within 180 days of accepting an Application for Certification as complete, the APCO shall make a preliminary decision on:

505.1 Whether the proposed power plant meets the requirements of this rule and all other applicable District regulations, and;

505.2 In the event of compliance, what permit conditions will be required including the specific Best Available Control Technology requirements and a description of required mitigation measures.

The preliminary written decision of this Section shall be treated as a preliminary decision under Section 403 of this Rule, and shall be finalized by the APCO only after being

subject to the public notice and comment requirements of Sections 406 and 407. The APCO shall not issue a determination of compliance for the power plant unless all requirements of this rule are met.

- 506** Within 240 days of the filing date, the APCO shall issue and submit to the California Energy Commission a determination of compliance or, if such a determination cannot be issued, shall so inform the California Energy Commission. A determination of compliance shall confer the same rights and privileges as an Authority to Construct only when and if the California Energy Commission approves the Application for Certification, and the California Energy Commission certificate includes all requirements of the conditions contained within the determination of compliance.
- 507** Any applicant receiving a certificate from the California Energy Commission pursuant to this Section and in compliance with all conditions of the certificate shall be issued a Permit to Operate by the APCO.

600 MONITORING AND RECORDS

- 601 RECORDKEEPING:** The following records shall be maintained for two years. Records shall be provided to the APCO upon request.
- 601.1 Emergency Engines: Records of hours of operation for maintenance purposes and for actual interruptions of electrical power. Such records shall include the date and hours of operation, as well as the reason for operation.
- 601.2 Portable and Temporary Equipment: Records of operating location(s) and corresponding dates of operation.

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ADVISORY NOTICE FOR GASOLINE DISPENSING FACILITIES

This advisory notice is intended for all persons who are required to *have a Permit to Operate for a retail or a non-retail gasoline dispensing facility* in Placer County. Information is provided below regarding Enhanced Vapor Recovery regulations and Air Toxics Review of new and/or existing gasoline dispensing facilities.

ENHANCED VAPOR RECOVERY

On April 1, 2001, the California Air Resources Board (ARB) adopted an "Enhanced Vapor Recovery" (EVR) program that seeks to fix existing problems with service station vapor recovery systems. This EVR Program will phase in new standards over a four (4) year period to achieve a total of 25 tons per day in statewide VOC emission reductions over the performance of existing systems. By April 1, 2005, all underground tanks will need to change to the new EVR equipment.

In the June 2002 Advisory sent out with this fiscal year's billing for your permits, the District noted that any changes that require an upgrade to EVR equipment requires an Authority to Construct. Based on clarification and information obtained from the California Air Resources Board (CARB), the District has refined the criteria for applying for and obtaining an Authority to Construct for the installation of Phase I EVR equipment.

The District is classifying the installation of Phase I EVR equipment into two categories: **major modifications** and **non-major modifications**.

A **major modification** is one in which underground excavation occurs and requires the replacement of Phase I vapor recovery equipment. All major modifications require an Authority to Construct prior to the installation of Phase I EVR replacement equipment.

A **non-major modification** occurs when replacing failed components on Phase I systems. All replacement parts must be EVR-certified parts or components. However, if Phase I EVR components or parts are not compatible, pre-EVR certified parts or components may continue to be sold and used. For example, currently there are no certified Phase I EVR components for Phase I coaxial systems, thus non-EVR components can still be used in repairs. All facilities that replace Phase I equipment as a non-major modification are required to notify the District to assure that such replacement is not considered a major modification. Additionally, facilities will be required to apply for and obtain an Authority to Construct to "capture" these changes when the EVR systems must be demonstrated to be in place by April 1, 2005.

Further information on EVR can be found at the CARB website under Programs at www.arb.ca.gov

AIR TOXICS REVIEW

Background

The Air Toxics "Hot Spots" Information and Assessment Act was enacted in September 1987, with subsequent amendments. The Air Toxics "Hot Spots" Act establishes a formal air toxics emission inventory risk quantification program that Districts manage. The goal of the Air Toxics "Hot Sports" Act is to:

- ? collect emission data indicative of routine predictable releases of toxic substances to the air;
- ? identify facilities having localized impacts;
- ? evaluate health risks from exposure to the emissions;
- ? notify nearby residents of significant risks; and
- ? reduce risk below the determined level of significance.

Those facilities that pose a potentially significant health risk are required to reduce their risks, thereby reducing the near-source exposure of Californians to toxic air pollutants. Significant risks posed by facilities require public notification and if requested, districts must make health risk assessments available for public review.

The District is evaluating both proposed and existing GDFs to determine the cancer risk that is based upon annual gasoline throughput. Listed below is the specific process for proposed and existing facilities.

For proposed facilities, the District is using an initial health risk screening that is based upon the proposed annual throughput for the facility. For those facilities proposing to pump 1.5 million gallons of gasoline or more a year (i.e. those that have a cancer risk greater than 10-in-a-million), a slightly refined risk screening analysis will be conducted by utilizing distance information from the centroid of the pump islands to the nearest commercial and residential structures. If the cancer risk remains greater than 10-in-a-million following the refined risk assessment, a gasoline throughput limitation will be placed upon the facility. This limitation will be based on a gasoline throughput that will reduce the cancer risk too less than 10-in-a-million. If the applicant chooses, a detailed health risk assessment, approved by the District, may be conducted by the applicant or risk reduction measures may be implemented to reduce emissions. These steps may result in the 10-in-a-million cancer risk threshold being exceeded at a higher annual gasoline throughput limitation.

For existing GDFs, the District is reviewing the high throughput facilities that have an initial screening of greater than 10-in-a-million cancer risk. Information regarding distances from the centroid of the pump islands to the nearest commercial and residential structures is being gathered to refine the initial screening. If the cancer risk remains greater than 10-in-a-million, then the risk analysis will be submitted to the facility for review and comment before being forwarded to the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) for approval.

Following OEHHA approval of the risk assessment, Public Notification is required of all persons exposed in accordance with adopted District policies, and risk reduction through gasoline throughput curtailment or improved emission controls will be required. These requirements are likely to apply to only those facilities that have a very high annual throughput and with neighbors in close proximity.

This advisory notice and other previously issued advisories can be found on our website at www.placer.ca.gov/apcd or by calling Ms. Ann Hobbs at (530) 889-7137.