

U.S. EPA FACT SHEET

Final Revisions to Bay Area Air Quality Management District Clean Air Act New Source Review Program

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Summary of Action

- EPA is finalizing a limited approval and limited disapproval of the revisions to the Bay Area Air Quality Management District's (BAAQMD or District) New Source Review (NSR) program.
- Today's action finalizes approval of the District's submittal as meeting the applicable Clean Air Act requirement. There are certain deficiencies that need to be corrected.

Background

- The District's current NSR permitting program was last approved by EPA in 1999. Since that time, EPA has promulgated several new air quality standards and regulations that apply to the District and necessitate revisions to the District's current NSR permitting program.
- Today's final rule represents an overall strengthening of the District's permitting program. Specifically, the final rule:
 - Consists of significant updates to the District's stationary sources permitting rules;
 - Incorporates new requirements for fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}) and greenhouse gases; and
 - Authorizes the District to implement an approved Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) program instead of implementing federal rules under delegated authority.
- The significant deficiencies that must be corrected relate to:
 - Determining the quantity of offsets required for modifications of existing major sources;
 - Determining the quantity of emission reduction credits that may be granted from sources that previously provided emission reduction credits; and
 - Requirements to notify the Federal Land Manager if a project may impact visibility in certain federally protected wilderness areas, known as Class I areas.

Next Steps

- This final action will be published in the Federal Register within a few weeks.
- For More Information, visit: <https://www.epa.gov/region9/air/actions/ca.html>