



A Committee of the Bay Area Clean Water Agencies

To: All Bay Area POTWs and Interested Parties
From: The Air Issues and Regulations (AIR) Committee
Date: July 12, 2005
Subject: Interest in Participation, AIR Phase 19

Over the years, the AIR Committee has updated and lobbied for Bay Area POTWs on important regulatory information and worked with local and State regulatory agencies to ensure that the viewpoints of both large and small Bay Area POTWs are taken into account as new regulations are developed. Together, we have proactively assisted in developing these regulatory programs and ensured that they are based on good science, and are fair and feasible. We have also shared information, developed comprehensive compliance programs, and formed solid relationships with each other and with our regulatory agencies. These relationships have gone far in creating a strong input and lobbying effort into current operating permits, as well as proposed or pending regulations that impact Bay Area POTWs.

We also have been able to take “one voice” to the regulatory agencies. That voice represents a majority of the wastewater treated and discharged in the Bay Area, and POTWs statewide have benefited from our efforts. In fact, the South Coast Alliance of POTWs (SCAP) air committee is using our committee as a guiding light on how to successfully influence regulatory agencies and keep their own members informed and active in air quality compliance activities, regulatory program implementation, and permitting.

As AIR Committee Members, agencies receive the benefits of

- ❑ Newsletters tracking air quality regulations that affect Bay Area POTWs
- ❑ Quarterly meetings to discuss current regulatory events and how to position or implement regulatory-driven programs, laws, and regulations
- ❑ Annual meetings with guest speakers from key air quality regulatory agencies, and other air quality experts
- ❑ Email alerts on air quality topics affecting public utilities
- ❑ Ongoing communications and representation for Bay Area POTWs both at the local and State level with air quality-related regulatory agencies
- ❑ Combined knowledge and expertise from large and small Bay Area POTWs and CH2M HILL
- ❑ “One Voice and Position” on the many pending and future air quality laws and regulations that affect Bay Area POTWs

The AIR Committee works closely with

- Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD)
- California Air Resources Board (CARB)
- Tri TAC, CASA, SCAP, NACWA, WERF, and other professional societies

The AIR Committee had a very successful Phase 18 (2004-2005)—the Committee's activities and accomplishments included:

- ✓ Cosponsoring a workshop on odor control with the CWEA SF Bay Section.
- ✓ Assisting members in complying with BAAQMD information requests related to the recently-adopted Air Toxic Control Measure for stationary engines.
- ✓ Participating in workshops and hearings put on by CARB addressing new Air Toxic Control Measures for diesel-fueled stationary, portable, and vehicle engines and commenting on draft regulations. These regulations will have large impacts large and small POTWs, cities, and water agencies.
- ✓ Convincing CARB staff to remove responsibility for contractor compliance from their Diesel Public Fleet rule.
- ✓ Sharing information on the BAAQMD Variance process and lessons learned.
- ✓ Tracking regulatory issues affecting large and small POTWs including:
 - Regulation of VOCs from collection systems in the mid-west
 - CARB's development of verification procedures for Distributed Generation equipment
 - CalEPA and SCAQMD Environmental Justice Policies
 - Regulations on composting in the South Coast and San Joaquin air districts

In addition to continuing the work noted above, in the coming year we will be addressing the following emerging issues:

- ⇒ Odor control and health affects of biosolids odors
- ⇒ Public outreach programs and logging of odor complaints
- ⇒ New security standards under development through EPA funding
- ⇒ Integration of security measures with current emergency response plans (e.g. RMP)
- ⇒ Information sharing on Title V draft permit conditions
- ⇒ Regulation of hydrogen sulfide as a hazardous air pollutant
- ⇒ Hazardous air pollution from collection systems
- ⇒ On-going combustion source regulatory programs and their impacts

These regulatory activities are supported by voluntary efforts and cost sharing by participating POTWs. We invite you to join us in this next phase of AIR Committee activities.

The suggested cost-share for participation as an AIR Committee member in the next 12-month phase, which extends from July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006, is \$400 per MGD with no agency paying more than \$4900. The per MGD cost is the same as previous years; however the maximum fee has gone up in order to cover additional administrative and accounting costs assessed by BACWA.

We welcome your involvement in any of the ongoing efforts listed above. Please fax the attached response form to Jackie Kepke at (510) 622-9045, email it to jkepke@ch2m.com, or mail it to:

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If you have any questions, please call AIR Committee Chair Randy Schmidt, Central Contra Costa Sanitary District, at (925) 229-7333 or Jackie Kepke, CH2M HILL at (510) 587-7545.

Thank you.