RULE 205. ACTION AND APPLICATIONS

A. The Air Pollution Control Officer shall determine whether the application is complete not later than 30 calendar days after receipt of the application, or after such longer time as both the applicant and the Air Pollution Control Officer may agree. Such determination shall be transmitted in writing immediately to the applicant at the address indicated on the application. If the application is determined to be incomplete, the determination shall specify which parts of the application are incomplete and how they can be made complete. Upon receipt by the Air Pollution Control Officer of any resubmittal of the application, a new 30-day period in which the Air Pollution Control Officer must determine completeness shall begin. Completeness of an application or resubmitted application shall be evaluated on the basis of the requirements set forth in District regulations adopted pursuant to AB 884 regarding information requirements as it exists on the date on which the application or resubmitted application was received. After the Air Pollution Control Officer accepts an application as complete, the Air Pollution Control Officer shall not subsequently request of an applicant any new or additional information which was not specified in the Air Pollution Control Officer's list of items to be included within such applications. However, the Air Pollution Control Officer may, during the processing of the application, request an applicant to clarify, amplify, correct, or otherwise supplement the information required in such list in effect at the time the complete application was received. Making any such request does not waive, extend, or delay the time limits in this rule for decision on the completed application, except as the applicant and Air Pollution Control Officer may both agree.

B. Following acceptance of an application as complete, the Air Pollution Control Officer shall:

1. Perform the evaluations required to determine compliance with this rule and make a preliminary written decision as to whether an authority to construct should be approved, conditionally approved, or disapproved. The decision shall be supported by a succinct written analysis.

2. Within 10 calendar days following such decision, publish a notice by prominent advertisement in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the District stating the preliminary decision of the Air Pollution Control Officer and where the public may inspect the information required to be made available under Subsection (3). The notice shall provide 30 days from the date of publication for the public to submit written comments on the preliminary decision.

3. At the time notice of the preliminary decision is published, make available for public inspection at the Air Pollution Control District's office, the information submitted by the applicant, the Air Pollution Control Officer's supporting analysis for the preliminary decision, and the preliminary decision to grant or deny the authority to construct, including any proposed permit conditions, and the reasons therefore. The confidentiality of trade secrets shall be considered in accordance with Section 6254.7 of the Government Code and relevant sections of the Administrative Code of the State of California.

4. No later than the date of publication of the notice required by Subsection (2), forward the analysis, the preliminary decision, and copies of the notice to the Air
Resources Board (attn: Chief, Stationary Source Control Division) and the Regional Office of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

5. Consider all written comments submitted during the 30 day public comment period.

6. Within 180 days after acceptance of the application as complete, take final action on the application after considering all written comments. The Air Pollution Control Officer shall provide written notice of the final action to the applicant, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the California Air Resources Board, shall publish such notice in a newspaper of general circulation, and shall make the notice and all supporting documents available for public inspection at the Air Pollution Control District's office.

C. The public notice and reporting requirements set forth in Subsections B(2) and B(6) shall not be required for any permit which does not include conditions requiring the control of emissions from an existing source.

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