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Notice of Amendments to Rule 52 (Particulate Matter) Rule 53 (Specific Air Contaminants) and Rule 54 (Dust and Fumes)

On January 22, 1997, the Air Pollution Control District amended Rule 52 (Particulate Matter), Rule 53 (Specific Air Contaminants) and Rule 54 (Dust and Fumes) based on the recommendations from the County of San Diego Economic Advisory Board's Sunset Review Commission.

Rule 52 specifies the maximum concentration of particulate matter allowable from emission sources. Rule 53 limits sulfur compound and particulate matter emissions related to combustion activities. Rule 54 limits particulate emissions from industrial processes in relation to the weight of materials processed.

The resulting changes accomplish the following:

RULE 52
The amendments apply the uncorrected particulate concentration (grain loading) standard contained in the rule to all sources including those subject to Rule 54. Rule 52 will now apply to asphalt plants instead of Rule 53. Asphalt plants will be exempt from the amendments until July 1, 1998, provided such plants are in compliance with Rule 54. The amendments exempt stationary internal combustion engines and other equipment not required to obtain an Authority to Construct, Permit to Operate, or Registration from the District.

RULE 53
The amendments add exemptions from Rule 53 for the following:

- Equipment having a 10 million British Thermal Unit (BTU) per hour or less heat input and operating on liquid fuel.
- Equipment having a 50 million BTU per hour or less input and operating on gaseous fuel.
- Equipment not required to obtain an Authority to Construct, Permit to Operate, or Registration from the District.
- Equipment subject to Rule 54 are now exempt from portions of Rule 53.

The term "dispose of combustible refuse" has been deleted from Rule 53 and replaced with "reduce combustible material" to relieve sensitivities related to processing human remains. A definition for "combustible matter" has been added and other minor clarifications made.

RULE 54
The amendments revise the process weight table in the rule to delete emission limits less than 1.0 pounds per hour and exempt equipment not required to obtain an Authority to Construct, Permit to Operate, or Registration from the District and make other minor clarifications. The rule was reformatted to be consistent with other District rules to include applicability, exemption, definition and standard sections.

Should you have any questions regarding the amendments or need more information, please contact Dan Speer of the District's Engineering Division at (619) 694-3311.

Copies of the amended rules can be obtained by calling the District's Clerical Division (619) 694-3307.

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