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SCH #: tbd

Project Title: Amendments to Rule 9-4 and Rule 9-6

Lead Agency: Bay Area Air Quality Management District

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Project Location: multi-jurisdictional (9 bay area counties in the Bay Area Air Quality Management District)

City *County*

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

The proposed amendments to Rules 9-4 and 9-6 would establish more stringent NOX emission standards for natural gas-fired space- and water-heating appliances in buildings in the Bay Area. Proposed Amendments to Rule 9-4: The proposed amendments for Rule 9-4 include introducing an “ultra-low” NOX standard with a compliance date of 2023 and setting a zero-NOX standard in 2029. Like the current rule, amended Rule 9-4 would apply only to new devices and only to natural gas-fired devices. The proposed new lower and zero-NOX standards would apply to appliance manufacturers, retailers/wholesalers, and installers and would affect Bay Area consumers when they replace their existing furnaces. Proposed Amendments to Rule 9-6: The proposed amendments for Rule 9-6 include setting a zero-NOX standard with compliance dates ranging from 2027 to 2031 based on equipment type, use, and size. Like the current rule, amended Rule 9-6 would apply only to new devices and only to natural gas-fired devices. The proposed new zero-NOX standards would apply to appliance manufacturers, retailers/wholesalers, and installers and would affect Bay Area consumers when they replace their existing water heaters. See NOP for additional detail

Identify the project’s significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

As required by CEQA, the EIR will describe existing conditions and evaluate the potential environmental effects of the proposed project and a reasonable range of alternatives, including the no-project alternative. It will address direct, indirect, and cumulative effects. The EIR will also discuss potential growth-inducing impacts and summarize significant and unavoidable environmental effects. The EIR will identify feasible mitigation measures, if available, to reduce potentially significant impacts. Based on the attached Initial Study prepared for this Project, the BAAQMD anticipates that the Project could potentially result in significant environmental impacts in the following resource areas, which will be further evaluated in the EIR:

- Air Quality
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Utilities and Service Systems (Energy Resources)

Please see the NOP for a discussion of each of the three identified resource areas

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.