



BAY AREA
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DISTRICT

PUBLIC NOTICE

December 16, 2021

TO: Parents or guardians of children enrolled at the following school(s):

**Borel Middle School
Fusion Academy San Mateo
Junipero Serra High School**

All residential and business neighbors located within 1,000 feet of the proposed new or modified source(s) of air pollution listed below.

FROM: Bay Area Air Quality Management District

RE: Permit Application #642063 for the following source(s) of air pollution:

**Emergency Standby Diesel Generator
Fire Station #25 San Mateo
1455 Shafter Street, San Mateo, CA 94402**

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District (the "District") is a local agency that regulates stationary sources of air pollution such as factories, industrial sites, and gasoline stations.

Whenever we receive a permit application for a new or modified source(s) of toxic air contaminants located within 1,000 feet of a school site, State law requires that we notify the public. To comply with this requirement, we distribute or mail a Public Notice to the parents or guardians of students enrolled at schools located within ¼ mile, and all residents and businesses located within 1,000 feet, of the proposed source(s).

You are receiving this Public Notice because a permit application has been filed with the District for the above referenced source(s) of air pollution. A description of the proposed project follows:

Fire Station #25 San Mateo has applied for an Authority to Construct and/or Permit to Operate an Emergency Standby Generator powered by a diesel engine that will be used for providing electrical or mechanical work during emergencies, and will be periodically run for maintenance, reliability testing, and/or emissions testing.

PRELIMINARY EVALUATION

The District has evaluated the permit application for the proposed project and has made a preliminary determination that the project is expected to comply with all applicable District, state, and federal air quality-related regulations, including the health risks resulting from toxic air contaminant emissions. The preliminary recommendation is to issue a permit for this project. After considering all comments received, the District will make a final determination.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you are interested in getting more information, you may request copies of the District's evaluation report by calling the District at the telephone number listed at the end of this notice. This information is also accessible on the District website at:

<http://www.baaqmd.gov/permits/public-notice>

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There is a 30-day period for public response to this proposal. If you wish to comment on the proposed project, you may do so in writing or by e-mail. Alternatively, you may call and leave a telephone message up to one minute in length. Please leave your name and telephone number so that a District staff member may respond to your message.

Please use the following contact information if you would like to comment on the proposed project:

Mailing address: Fire Station #25 San Mateo (A#642063)
Public Notice Response
BAAQMD
Engineering Division
375 Beale Street, Suite 600
San Francisco, CA 94105
Attn: Isis Virrueta

E-mail address: ivirrueta@baaqmd.gov

Telephone Number: (415) 749-5059

The public comment period for this project ends on **January 18, 2022**.



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December 10, 2021

Charles McGrath, Principal
Junipero Serra High School
451 W 20th Avenue
San Mateo, CA 94403

RE: Public Notice

Fire Station #25 San Mateo has applied to the Air District for an Authority to Construct and Permit to Operate an Emergency Standby Diesel Generator to be used to generate power during emergency conditions only. The equipment will be located at 1455 Shafter Street in San Mateo and is within ¼ mile of Junipero Serra High School. The Air District has determined that the increase in health risks resulting from air contaminant emissions from the proposed project is within acceptable levels and that the projects will comply with all other applicable air pollution control requirements.

This Permit Application requires Public Notification as per District Regulation 2-1-412 (and California Health and Safety code Section 42301.6). To paraphrase the Regulation, prior to approving an application for a source that will emit a Toxic Air Contaminant ("air pollutant") within 1000 feet of a school boundary, the Air Pollution Control Officer (or his agent: myself) shall: Prepare a public notice in which the proposed source, and the proposed emissions are fully disclosed; and distribute the notice, at the expense of the applicant to the parents of children in any school within ¼ mile of the source and to each address within a radius of 1,000 feet from the proposed source. This notification shall be distributed at least 30 days prior to the date of final action is taken on the application. We will consider all comments received during the 30 days after the notice is distributed and shall provide written response to be included in the permit application file prior to taking final action on the application.

The public comment period for this application will run from December 16, 2021 through January 18, 2022. We will be mailing copies of this notice to the residents and businesses within 1,000 feet of the site, as well as to the parents and/or guardians of students enrolled at Borel Middle School and Fusion Academy San Mateo.

Schools normally provide us with the information necessary to make the notification by sending mailing labels or e-mailing the electronic version of the addresses for the parents and/or guardians of their students so we can perform this portion of the notification. However, your school elected not to provide the mailing information.



Accordingly, we are providing you with a copy of the public notice. We do not have any authority to require you to distribute this notice. However, we strongly encourage your participation. State law only requires that we make a reasonable effort to perform this notification. Providing you with a copy of this notice for distribution fulfills our obligations.

Attached is a copy of the California Health and Safety Code Section 42301.6 for your reference. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (415) 749-4688.

Sincerely,

Annie Allen
Engineering Division

enclosures

CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE Section 42301.6.

42301.6. (a) Prior to approving an application for a permit to construct or modify a source which emits hazardous air emissions, which source is located within 1,000 feet from the outer boundary of a school site, the air pollution control officer shall prepare a public notice in which the proposed project or modification for which the application for a permit is made is fully described. The notice may be prepared whether or not the material is or would be subject to subdivision (a) of Section 25536, if the air pollution control officer determines and the administering agency concurs that hazardous air emissions of the material may result from an air release, as defined by Section 44303. The notice may be combined with any other notice on the project or permit, which is required by law.

(b) The air pollution control officer shall, at the permit applicant's expense, distribute or mail the public notice to the parents or guardians of children enrolled in any school that is located within one-quarter mile of the source and to each address within a radius of 1,000 feet of the proposed new or modified source at least 30 days prior to the date final action on the application is to be taken by the officer. The officer shall review and consider all comments received during the 30 days after the notice is distributed, and shall include written responses to the comments in the permit application file prior to taking final action on the application.

(1) Notwithstanding Section 49073 of the Education Code, or any other provision of law, the information necessary to mail notices required by this section shall be made available by the school district to the air pollution control officer.

(2) Nothing in this subdivision precludes, at the discretion of the air pollution control officer and with permission of the school, the distribution of the notices to the children to be given to their parents or guardians.

(c) Notwithstanding subdivision (b), an air pollution control officer may require the applicant to distribute the notice if the district had such a rule in effect prior to January 1, 1989.

(d) The requirements for public notice pursuant to subdivision (b) or a district rule in effect prior to January 1, 1989, are fulfilled if the air pollution control officer or applicant responsible for giving the notice makes a good faith effort to follow the procedures prescribed by law for giving the notice, and, in these circumstances, failure of any person to receive the notice shall not affect the validity of any permit subsequently issued by the officer.

(e) Nothing in this section shall be deemed to limit any existing authority of any district.

(f) An applicant for a permit shall certify whether the proposed source or modification is located within 1,000 feet of a school site. Misrepresentation of this fact may result in the denial of a permit.

(g) The notice requirements of this section shall not apply if the air pollution control officer determines that the application to construct or modify a source will result in a reduction or equivalent amount of air contaminants, as defined in Section 39013, or which are hazardous air emissions.

(h) As used in this section: (1) "Hazardous air emissions" means emissions into the ambient air of air contaminants which have been identified as a toxic air contaminant by the state board or by the air pollution control officer for the jurisdiction in which the project is located. As determined by the air pollution control officer, hazardous air emissions also means emissions into the ambient air from any substances identified in subdivisions (a) to (f), inclusive, of Section 44321 of the Health and Safety Code. (2) "Acutely hazardous material" means any material defined pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 25532.