

May 13, 2008

James Goldstene, Executive Officer
California Air Resources Board
P.O. Box 2815
Sacramento, CA 95812

Re: Sacramento Valley Air Basin 2008 Smoke Management Program Plan

Dear Mr. Goldstene:

The Sacramento Valley Air Basin Control Council is required by State regulation to submit an annual Smoke Management Program (SMP) Plan to the Air Resources Board.

Health and Safety Code (HSC) Section 80155 directs the Basin Control Council (BCC) to develop and submit a Smoke Management Program to the California Air Resources Board (ARB) for their review and approval. The smoke management program shall apply to all areas of the Sacramento Valley Air Basin. In addition to all other applicable requirements, it shall contain:

- (a) A daily basinwide acreage equation establishing a theoretical maximum daily allocation which includes a basinwide meteorological factor (B.M.F.-- determined from Tables 4 and 5 of section 80320) and a basinwide air quality factor.
- (b) Procedures for refining the theoretical maximum allocation in order to establish an initial actual allocation, including consultation between the ARB duty meteorologist and the basin coordinator and considering additional real-time air quality and meteorological information.
- (c) Procedures for distributing acreage allocations to each air district. The total acreage distributed shall not exceed the initial actual allocation determined by the ARB in consultation with the basin coordinator. The program may specify procedures to update the initial actual allocation, based on real-time meteorological information and the progress of burning the initial actual allocation.
- (d) The hours to be permitted for burning.
- (e) A description of the meteorological and air quality monitoring networks to be used to provide data for determining the basinwide meteorological and air quality factors.

(f) Other clarifying details mutually agreed upon by the Basinwide Council and the ARB.

Last year, the 2007 SMP Plan was amended to reflect the change in the federal EPA air quality 24-hour standard for PM_{2.5} by modifying the acreage allocation equation and distribution procedures. Those sections of the Plan were tightened and the PM_{2.5} monitoring sites that provide baseline data for the equation and acreage adjustments to the air districts were realigned.

This year the BCC has determined that there is no need for any amendments to the Sacramento Valley Air Basin SMP Plan. All of the required Plan elements noted above, and contained in the 2007 Plan, will remain unchanged from the previous year.

By this correspondence the Control Council is notifying the ARB that the 2008 SMP Plan will not be revised and the attached document is submitted for your information.

If you have any questions regarding the 2008 SMP Plan please contact Les Fife, Basin Burn Coordinator at (530) 668-1559.

Sincerely,

Curt Josiassen, Chairman
Sacramento Valley Basinwide Air Pollution Control Council

Attachment