

COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE BULLETIN
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District Rule 4320 – Advanced Emission Reduction Options for Boilers, Steam Generators, and Process Heaters Greater than 5.0 MMBtu/hr

The purpose of District Rule 4320 is to limit emissions of oxides of nitrogen (NO_x), carbon monoxide (CO), oxides of sulfur (SO_x), and particulate matter 10 microns or less (PM₁₀) from boilers, steam generators, and process heaters.

Rule 4320 has several compliance options for satisfying the NO_x requirements of the rule. **For units that selected the standard schedule compliance option, except for units identified in Rule 4320 Table 1 Category E*, and units satisfying the NO_x requirements by payment of annual emissions fees, no further action is required.**

All other units are subject to the following compliance schedule:

Units subject to the <u>enhanced schedule</u> , or the <u>staged enhanced schedule final limit</u> , or units listed in Rule 4320 Table 1 Category E*	Authority to Construct Deadline	Compliance Deadline
	January 1, 2013	January 1, 2014

*Table 1 Category E units are units installed prior to January 1, 2009 that are currently limited by a PTO to an annual heat input limit >1.8 billion Btu/year but < 30 billion Btu/year.

Please review your previously submitted Rule 4320 emission control plan to determine what requirements apply to each of your units.

As an alternative to meeting specific NO_x emission limits by the above compliance deadline, a source can choose to comply by payment of annual emission fees. Sources choosing this option must submit a revised emission control plan prior to January 1, 2014. Please note that some revisions may result in units having to meet compliance schedules that have already passed. If the unit has already passed a deadline and is not in compliance, enforcement action may result.

See Rule 4320 Table 1 for a listing of the specific NO_x emission limit requirements for each category of unit.

District Rule 4320: <http://www.valleyair.org/rules/currnrules/r4320.pdf>

Rule 4320 FAQs: <http://www.valleyair.org/rules/currnrules/FAQs/r4320-FAQs.pdf>

You may gain additional information by contacting the District's SBA at the numbers listed below:

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