



San Joaquin Valley
Air Pollution Control District

**AMENDED PUBLIC NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
PROPOSED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

June 9, 2003

Project Title: Amendments to Rule 4901 (Wood Burning Fireplaces and Wood Burning Heaters), formerly titled Residential Wood Burning.

Project Location: The San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District, including the entire counties and all the cities of Fresno, Kings, Madera, Merced, Tulare, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, and the San Joaquin Valley portion of Kern County.

Description of Project:

On March 11, 2002 the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) issued a limited approval and limited disapproval for Rule 4901 (Residential Wood Burning). The proposed amendments to Rule 4901 are intended to remedy the rule's deficiencies identified by USEPA and to make Rule 4901 fully approvable by USEPA. The limited approval/ limited disapproval has started an 18-to-24- month sanctions clock beginning March 11, 2002. During this time, the District must correct these deficiencies and then submit a SIP-approvable version of the Rule for USEPA approval before the first sanction clock ends on September 11, 2003. If the District does not receive approval by USEPA by September 11, 2003, USEPA will impose the first sanction that contains a 2-to-1 Emission offsets for all sources. If the Rule fails to receive approval, a second sanction will be imposed to withhold federal highway funds six months after the 18 months deadline (March 11, 2004). Additionally, the Federal Clean Air Act (Section 110(c)) requires EPA to impose a federal implementation plan (FIP) 24 months after the final rulemaking (March 11, 2004) to remedy the deficiencies identified by EPA.

The amended version of Rule 4901 is intended to implement Best Available Control Measures (BACM) as required by the Federal Clean Air Act. The San Joaquin Valley Air Basin (SJVAB) is classified as a serious PM10 non-attainment area for the health-based air quality standard established by the federal Clean Air Act. The serious PM10 classification is the worst category and indicates that the SJVAB has one of the nations most severe air quality problems. The SJVAB is also classified as non-attainment for the California PM10 standard. The reductions from Rule 4901 are necessary to allow expeditious attainment of the federal PM10 standard, (CAA Section 172 (c)).

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Or on the internet at www.valleyair.org/meetings/ceqa_notices

Public Review Period: Begins: June 9, 2003 and Ends: July 9, 2003

Public Hearing: A public hearing will be held to consider this action on July 17, 2003, 9:00 a.m. at the District Headquarters Office. (Previous notice inadvertently has July 7. July 17 is the correct date)

Anyone interested in this matter is invited to comment on the document by written response on or before 5:00 P.M., July 9, 2003.