



Air Pollution Control Board

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NOTICE OF AMENDMENTS TO RULE 40 - PERMIT AND OTHER FEES

On June 21, 2006, the Air Pollution Control Board adopted amendments to Air Pollution Control District (District) Rule 40 - Permit and Other Fees. The amendments include updates and clarifications to the District's fees.

Effective July 1, 2006, permit-related fees are being increased to recover increased District costs of the operating permit and compliance programs. Most permit application and annual permit renewal fees have been increased 3.3%. Some facility-specific permit renewal fees have been decreased to reflect reductions in the labor hours spent on those specific units. Other changes have been made as described below.

Specifically, the amended rule does the following:

Hourly Rates	Labor rates in Fee Schedule 94, will increase 3.3% for all services except those provided by engineering staff that process time and materials (T+M) fee-based permit applications. The labor rates for these engineering staff were not increased.
Permit Application Fee Schedules	Five permit application fee schedules have been deleted. The remaining permit application fee schedules have been increased by 3.3%.
Permit Renewal Fee Schedules	Five existing facility-specific fee schedules where labor costs are now in line with that for other similar equipment have been deleted. Four existing facility-specific fee schedules will remain, but the associated permit renewal fees will be reduced to reflect reduced District costs. The remaining 179 permit renewal fee schedules have been increased by 3.3%. Also, the \$158 supplemental fee added in Fiscal Year 2005-06 to cover costs of permit changes for those emergency standby diesel engines that will limit maintenance and testing hours to comply with a new state requirement, will continue for one more year for affected engines not previously charged this one-time fee.

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Emissions Fee Rate	The emissions fee rate was not increased and will remain at \$101 per ton per year.
Source Testing Fees	All source test and test witnessing fee schedules have been increased 3.3% to recover increased costs.
Asbestos Demolition or Renovation Fees	Fees for reviewing asbestos demolition or renovation operation notifications, and for conducting related inspections, were not increased.
Other	<p>The District decreased the surcharge on all fees paid by credit card to 2.2% based on actual charges to the District by customer credit card companies. Effective July 1, 2006, Visa and MasterCard will no longer be accepted as forms of payment at the District. Both companies changed their service agreements such that they are no longer workable for payment of District services. However, the District will accept Discover and American Express cards. Payments made with these two cards will be charged a 2.2% convenience processing fee as noted in the Fiscal Year 2006-07 Rule 40.</p> <p>The non-refundable permit application processing fee will remain \$95, the annual permit renewal site (ID) fee will remain \$35, and the annual renewal permit processing fee will remain \$25.</p>

Copies of amended Rule 40 - Permit and Other Fees, may be downloaded from the District's website at <http://www.sdapcd.org>, under Basic Information, Notices, Advisories. Copies may also be examined or obtained at the District facility headquarters:

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For more information or a mailed copy of amended Rule 40, please contact Permit Processing at (858) 586-2600.

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