

RULE 306 OPEN BURNING OF NONINDUSTRIAL WOOD WASTE AT DESIGNATED DISPOSAL SITES

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100 GENERAL

101 PURPOSE: To control and monitor open burning of nonindustrial wood waste at designated disposal sites above 1500 feet elevation, mean sea level.

102 APPLICABILITY: Pursuant to California Health and Safety Code, Sections 41803 and 41804.5, this Rule authorizes the use of open outdoor fires for the burning of nonindustrial wood waste at designated disposal sites where such use has been permitted by the District and approved by the ARB.

103 ELEVATION ABOVE 1500 FEET: Only city or county officials, in their official capacity, may apply for permits to dispose of non-industrial wood waste at disposal sites located above 1500 feet, mean sea level.

104 EXEMPTIONS:

104.1 Rule Exemptions

104.1.1 Burning conducted pursuant to Rule 301, NONAGRICULTURAL BURNING SMOKE MANAGEMENT is exempt from this Rule.

104.1.2 Burning conducted pursuant to Rule 302, AGRICULTURAL WASTE BURNING SMOKE MANAGEMENT is exempt from this Rule.

104.1.3 Burning conducted pursuant to Rule 303, PRESCRIBED BURNING SMOKE MANAGEMENT is exempt from this Rule.

104.1.4 Burning conducted pursuant to Rule 304, LAND DEVELOPMENT BURNING SMOKE MANAGEMENT is exempt from this Rule.

104.1.5 Burning conducted pursuant to Rule 305, RESIDENTIAL ALLOWABLE BURNING is exempt from this Rule.

104.2 Exemption, Determination of Amount Burned Daily: Open burning of nonindustrial wood waste at designated disposal sites are exempt from burning that which can be reasonably expected to burn completely within the following 24 hours, once ignition occurs.

200 DEFINITIONS: (Unless otherwise defined below, the terms used in this Rule are as defined in Rule 102, DEFINITIONS or Rule 301, NONAGRICULTURAL BURNING SMOKE MANAGEMENT.)

201 NONINDUSTRIAL WOOD WASTE: Vegetation consisting of trees, vines and brush, which has been brought to the designated disposal site

300 STANDARDS

301 PROHIBITIONS ON OPEN BURNING: Except as provided in this Rule or Regulation 3, no person shall use open outdoor fires for the purpose of disposal or burning of any disallowed combustibles.

302 ARB SITE APPROVAL: Open burning of nonindustrial wood waste shall not be permitted at a disposal site until the ARB has approved the use of open outdoor fires for disposing of nonindustrial wood waste at the site.

303 BURN PERMITS

303.1 A person shall not ignite, conduct, or allow open outdoor burning without a valid burn permit from the District.

303.2 If required, a separate burn permit may also need to be obtained from the fire protection agency that has jurisdiction in the area of the proposed burn project.

304 PERMIT VALIDITY: No permit shall be construed to authorize open outdoor fires for any day during which:

304.1 Agricultural burning is prohibited by the ARB or the APCO.

304.2 Open burning is prohibited by a fire protection agency for fire control or prevention.

305 BURN DAYS: No person shall knowingly ignite, or allow ignition of allowable combustibles, on days when it is prohibited by the ARB or the APCO or when it is prohibited by a fire protection agency.

305.1 If burning begins on a burn day and in the subsequent days, a no burn day occurs, only that which is burning can continue to burn; no new or additional material can be added.

306 MATERIAL PREPARATION AND DRYING TIMES: To assure rapid and complete combustion with a minimum of smoke, and to lower the moisture content of the material being burned, (from when the vegetation was cut and is to be burned), the following are drying times for vegetation:

306.1 No material shall be burned unless it is reasonably free of disallowed combustibles, dirt, soil, and surface moisture and then shall be burned in a manner to prevent excessive smoke.

306.2 Material stacked for burning shall not be burned unless it is stacked in such a manner to promote drying and ensure combustion with a minimum amount of smoke.

306.3 A minimum of 15 days, of drying time, for fine prunings or cuttings, less than 3 inches in diameter, at the cut end.

306.4 A minimum of three (3) to six (6) weeks, of drying time, for prunings or brush or small branches, 3 to 6 inches in diameter, at the cut end.

306.5 A minimum of six weeks, of drying time for trees, stumps, and large branches, greater than 6 inches in diameter, at the cut end.

307 APPROVED IGNITION DEVICES: All open outdoor fires as authorized by this regulation shall be ignited only with approved ignition devices. The material to be burned should be ignited as rapidly as practicable within applicable fire control restrictions.

308 WIND DIRECTION: Burning shall be curtailed when smoke is drifting into a nearby populated area or creating a public nuisance or hazard.

309 INSPECTION: The APCO or staff may require the inspection of the wood waste to be burned to verify that it is exclusively nonindustrial wood waste.

after filing the petition, may sustain or reverse the decision of the APCO or the designated agency.

405 PERMIT FEES: Burn permits are valid only following receipt of the permit fees specified in Rule 607, BURN PERMIT FEES.

500 MONITORING AND RECORDS

501 REPORTING: Notification shall be made to the District at least 72 hours prior to ignition.

502 POST-BURN INFORMATION: A post-burn report shall be submitted to the District, within 10 days following the completion of the burn.

502.1 Submitter's name and agency;

502.2 Location of burn;

502.3 Date of burn;

502.4 Burn day status, each day of burn;

502.5 Ignition date and time;

502.6 Completion date of burn;

502.7 Any smoke impacts including any reason for impacts;

502.8 Recommendations for future burns in the area to minimize impacts.