

NORTHERN SIERRA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

RULE 316 -- BURN PLAN PREPARATION

(Adopted 9/11/91) (Amended 11/15/01)

316.1 Requirements

The following information shall be provided to the APCO for review and approval at least 30 days in advance of the proposed burn. Burn plan preparations that are unpredictable but are critical for the upcoming burn season shall be fast-tracked by the APCO and allowed a shorter than 30 day submission, review and approval process prior to ignition. The burn plan preparer shall indicate whether such burn must be absolutely executed in the upcoming burn season or whether other burning priorities would allow the burning to take place in subsequent years. Any changes in the plan with regards to the following information, subsequent to APCO approval, must be evaluated and approved by the APCO prior to ignition.

- A. Location and specific objectives of the proposed burn.
- B. Acreage and tonnage, type and arrangement of vegetation to be burned.
- C. Directions and distance to nearby sensitive receptor areas.
- D. Fuel condition, combustion, and meteorological prescription elements, developed for the project.
- E. Projected schedule and duration of project ignition, combustion, and burn down.
- F. Specifications for monitoring and verifying critical project parameters.
- G. Specification for disseminating project information.

316.2 Notification Requirement

Each person planning to burn under the provisions of Rule 305, 306, or 307 shall, on or before October 1 of each year, notify the Air Pollution Control Officer of the planned burn projects for the upcoming year. Such notification shall include the following information: Project Number, Compartment/Unit Number, Project Name, Legal Description (Township, Range, Section), County, Acres, Tons/Acre, Total Tons, Type of Burning (Hand Piles, Machine Piles, Broadcast Burn) and a Priority Rating for most critical to least critical burn projects in terms of achieving the planned objectives.

316.3

Exemptions

- A. The APCO shall exempt a burn project which consists of ten (10) acres or less in size, unless the fuel loading rate exceeds 30 Tons/Acre average.
- B. The APCO may exempt projects located in zones as established by the District.