



## Environmental Auditing: Air Quality Management in Yolo Solano

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### new & noteworthy

- **Yolo Solano Air Quality Management District – Upset/Breakdown Conditions and Emergency Variances:** On September 8, 2021, the Yolo Solano Air Quality Management District (YSAQMD) amended Rule 5.2, which sets forth standards for determining the presence of an upset/breakdown condition, procedures for sources to notify and report upset/breakdown conditions, and the process for requesting an emergency variance hearing before the Hearing Board. The main amendments to Rule 5.2 update formatting and content to align with current District rule making policies; consolidate, renumber, or reorganize sections to improve rule structure; ensure that the rule conforms to California Health and Safety Code regulations pertaining to Hearing Board proceedings; clarify the applicability and definition of an upset/breakdown condition; more clearly specify the procedures and findings to grant an emergency variance; and explicitly state that the chairperson of the Hearing Board (or designee) may issue an emergency variance.

These changes impact **Air Quality Management in YSAQMD, Rulebook A, General Requirements**.

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### highlights of this release

- **Air Quality Management in YSAQMD, Rulebook A, General Requirements**, was updated to reflect revisions to Rule 5.2, which sets standards for Upset/Breakdown Conditions and Emergency Variances.
- **Air Quality Management in YSAQMD, Part D, State-wide Rules**, was revised to update requirements for in-use off-road diesel-fueled vehicle fleets.



## did you know?

- **Yolo Solano – Abatement Orders:** YSAQMD may initiate abatement proceedings when a source of air pollution continually violates the district’s rules. An abatement order is the strongest administrative sanction available to YSAQMD in the case of a violation. Once issued, abatement orders are considered by the independent Yolo-Solano AQMD Hearing Board. A violation of an abatement order may result in a penalty of as much as \$25,000 for each day of violation as well as criminal sanctions for the source.



### related STP publications

- **Environmental Auditing: Federal Air Quality MACT Standards for Inorganic Chemical Manufacturing** provides audit checklists for the air quality management rules in 40 CFR Part 63, covering generic MACT standards, hydrochloric acid production and chemical preparations manufacturing standards. Available format: online.
- **Environmental Auditing: Federal Air Quality MACT Standards for Hazardous Waste Combustors** provides audit checklists for the air quality management rules in 40 CFR Part 63, specific to Subpart EEE, covering hazardous waste incinerators, cement kilns, lightweight aggregate kilns, solid fuel boilers, liquid fuel boilers and hydrochloric acid production furnaces. Available format: online.

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