## **Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District Updated Advisory -Air Quality and Cannabis Operations**

The Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District (District) recently updated its Advisory on Air Quality and Cannabis Operations. The updated Advisory clarifies the District's role in reviewing, permitting, and enforcing regulations on cannabis operations. Importantly, the District is now requiring permits for all post-harvest cannabis processing operations, including drying, trimming, curing, and flash-freezing. In addition to the Advisory, an updated Cannabis Permitting Requirements & Nuisance Enforcement Table has been created, which reflects this change in our requirements. These documents and District permit applications for cannabis operations are available on the District's website: www.ourair.org/cannabis/.

Cannabis operations that have already received land use approval and that are currently operating with processing activities will be given a grace period until December 1, 2023 to apply for a District permit. The District is sending this targeted outreach to cannabis owners, operators, project developers, consultants, and other community members who we are aware of to inform you of the new permitting requirements and grace period. Owners/Operators of existing unpermitted post-harvest cannabis processing operations must submit a permit application to the District on or before December 1, 2023 and prior to commencing any new operations, or modifying any existing operations. Owners/Operators that do not submit a permit application by the deadline may be in violation of District Rules and subject to enforcement action.

We also ask that you please update your files that reference our previous advisory, permitting requirements table, and cannabis application forms.

Questions specific to the District permitting process can be directed to engr@sbcapcd.org and questions regarding specific compliance issues can be directed to <a href="mailto:enfr@sbcapcd.org">enfr@sbcapcd.org</a>.

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