

RULE 401 OPACITY OF EMISSIONS

(Adopted prior to 10/15/79; Revised 11/19/85; 9/14/99)

A Applicability

This Rule applies to the discharge of pollutants into the Atmosphere.

B Requirements

No Person shall release or discharge into the Atmosphere from any single source of emission whatsoever, any Air Contaminant, other than uncombined water vapor, for a period or periods aggregating more than three (3) minutes in any hour which is:

- B.1 As dark or darker in shade as that designated as No. 1 on the Ringlemann Chart, as published by the United States Bureau of Mines; or
- B.2 Of such Opacity as to obscure an observer's view to a degree equal to or greater than does smoke described in subsection B.1. above,
- B.3 Except that, for a any Source in operation prior to July 1, 1972 and which has been continuously subject to a valid permit to operate from the Air Pollution Control District, the "shade" or equivalent "Opacity" shall not exceed Ringlemann No. 2.

C Exemptions

Exemptions to this Rule are identified in California Health and Safety Code Section 41701.5 (Diesel Pile Drivers), Section 41704 (Exemptions, to Prohibitions in Section 41701), Article 2 of Chapter 3 (Non- Agricultural Burning) Section 41800 et. seq., and Article 2 of Chapter 4 (Variances) Section 42350 et. seq., which are incorporated by reference.