



## *Compliance Assistance*

# ADVISORY

**SUBJECT: New Regulation on Oil and Gas Production,  
Processing, and Storage**

**Advisory #17-02**

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### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING THE PRODUCTION, PROCESSING, AND STORAGE OF OIL AND GAS**

This advisory is meant to alert owners and operators of natural gas production, processing or storage operations of the new Oil and Natural Gas Regulation adopted by the California Air Resources Board (CARB) in July 2017. The regulation addresses fugitive and vented emissions of greenhouse gases from both new and existing oil and gas facilities.

#### **CARB Registration Requirements**

Owners and/or operators of affected sources must submit registration applications to CARB by January 1, 2018. The District will enforce the State regulation requirements through a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with CARB.

#### **Rule Requirements**

Rule requirements taking effect January 1, 2018 include, but are not limited to:

- All specified components (including components on tanks, separators, wells, and pressure vessels) need to be inspected and repaired within timeframes specified in the regulation.
- Covered facilities are to maintain, and make available at CARB's request, records necessary to verify compliance. The regulation also implements certain reporting requirements to CARB by July 1 of each calendar year.

#### **District Permitting Requirements**

The Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District (District) has determined oil and gas production facilities to be a source of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and therefore subject to permit requirements. The District will commence permitting these facilities in mid-2018. Local permits will also include the requirements of the State regulation. The District permits will replace the State registration program effective January 1, 2019.

For more information on the Oil and Gas Regulation please refer to <https://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/oil-gas/oil-gas.htm>. You may also call Jorge DeGuzman at (916) 874-4860 with any questions regarding District permitting of Oil and Gas sources.