

Legal Challenge Filed Against Air District Regulations

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Last week, the California Building Industry Association (CBIA) filed a lawsuit in Alameda County Superior Court challenging air quality policies and requirements adopted by the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) earlier this year. Over the last two years, BAAQMD developed proposed air quality policies and requirements relating to, among other things, greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and toxic air contaminants (TAC). CBIA arguees that the policies and requirements are in direct conflict with the goals of SB 375, GHG reduction, and urban reinvestment. While BAAQMD has made some changes to its proposals over the ensuing period, CBIA asserts that BAAQMD refused to address the "policy, scientific, and methodological flaws brought to its attention by local governments, infill advocates, the building industry, labor, and other regional agencies, including ABAG, BART, and MTC." We will keep readers apprised of future developments in the lawsuit.

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