

YOLO-SOLANO AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

RULE 2.8 - OPEN BURNING, GENERAL

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100 GENERAL

101 PURPOSE: To limit emissions to the atmosphere from open burning.

102 APPLICABILITY: This Rule is applicable to all open burning within the boundaries of the Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District.

110 EXEMPTIONS: Section 301 shall not apply to fire(s) set or for which permission for such fire(s) is given in the performance of the official duty of any public officer and such fire is necessary in the opinion of such officer:

110.1 For the instruction of public or industrial employees in methods of fighting fire where a permit has been issued by the Air Pollution Control Officer.

a. All such training fires shall be subject to the following administrative requirements:

1. For the intentional burning of structures the responsible agency shall:

a. Notify the District a minimum of fourteen (14) days prior to the proposed burn;

b. Provide the District with the location, times and dates of the proposed burn(s); and

- c. Verify in writing to the District that all asbestos containing or hazardous materials have been removed from the structure.
2. For wildland instructional burning the responsible agency shall:
 - a. Notify the District a minimum of forty-eight (48) hours prior to the date of the proposed burn;
 - b. Provide the District with the location, type of material, and time of the proposed burn(s);
 - c. Instructional burns in locations upwind of populated areas will be limited to a maximum of twenty-five (25) acres. All burns conducted downwind of populated areas will be limited to fifty (50) acres; and
 - d. For all other live-fire training burns the responsible agency shall:
 - i. Notify the District a minimum of twenty-four (24) hours prior to the proposed burn.
 - ii. Provide the District with the location, type of material and the time for the proposed burn(s).

110.2 To set or cause to be set backfires necessary to save life or valuable property pursuant to Section 4426 of the Public Resources Code or to abate fires pursuant to Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 13055) of Part 1 of Division 12 of the California Health & Safety Code.

110.3 Fires for recreational use and cooking of foods.

110.4 Fires not used for purposes of disposal of materials and which the Air Pollution Control Officer determines necessary and not to have significant air pollution effects and for which specific permission is given by the Air Pollution Control Officer.

110.5 For fires to burn empty sacks or containers, bags or cartons which contained pesticides or other toxic substances in accordance with procedures approved by fire agencies and the Air Pollution Control Officer providing the sacks or containers are within the definition of "open burning in agricultural operations in the growing of crops or raising of fowls or animals" and the burning will occur in the field where the substances were applied.

111 EXEMPTION- PERMISSIVE BURN DAYS: On permissive burn days only, Section 301 of this Rule does not apply to the following fires:

111.1 For a fire set or for which permission for such fire is given in performance of the official duty of any public officer, and such fire in the opinion of such officer is necessary:

- a. For the purpose of the prevention of a fire or health hazard which cannot be abated by any other means; or
- b. Set pursuant to permit on property used for industrial purposes for the purpose of instruction of employees in the method of fighting fires.

111.2 For right-of-way clearing by a public entity or utility, or for levee, reservoir, and ditch maintenance when the material has been prepared by stacking, drying, or other methods to promote combustion as specified in Rule 6.1, Section 302. Any such burning

near populated areas shall be done in accordance with the requirements given in Regulation VI, Agricultural Burning.

111.3 For agricultural burning permitted by Regulation VI.

111.4 For burning of vegetative material from residential yards in rural areas:

- a. Such burning maybe prohibited or limited by fire districts, municipalities, any community ordinances or the District in any areas at any time as necessary for administrative, fire hazard, or air quality reasons.
- b. No such burning shall be allowed within 1000 feet if any residence which is in an area where burning has been prohibited or restricted according to 111.4.a.
- c. Persons wanting to do such burning must have approval of the Fire Districts on the day of burning.
- d. The Air Pollution Control Officer may restrict such burning in deference to acreage for agricultural burning.
- e. All other provisions of these Rules and Regulations remain applicable for such burning.

200 DEFINITIONS:

All terms used in this Rule shall retain the definitions provided under Rule 1.1, GENERAL PROVISIONS AND DEFINITIONS, unless otherwise defined in this Rule.

201 PERMISSIVE BURN DAY: Any day not designated as a "No Burn Day" by the California Air Resources Board, the Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District or local fire agency within the boundaries of the District.

202 RESIDENTIAL YARD: Any property, not located in an incorporated city, which contains living quarters and is not used in commercial operations.

300 STANDARDS

301 PROHIBITION: Except as set forth in this Rule, no person shall set or permit an open outdoor fire within the boundaries of the District.