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Public Comment Period Begins

Riverview Energy Center Gets Preliminary OK for Title V Permit

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District has made a preliminary decision to grant a Title V permit to the Riverview Energy Center, located at 795 Miinaker Road in Antioch. The Riverview Energy Center is a 49.6 MW peaking power plant that will provide power, transmission, and distribution support to the electric grid during periods of high electricity demand. The facility will consist of one simple-cycle, natural gas fired combustion turbine

The public comment period is from April 11, 2003 until May 21, 2003. During the public comment period, any member of the public may comment on any aspect of the proposed permit. A copy of the proposed permit can be found:

- 1) At the Antioch Public Library, 501 W. 18th Street, Antioch.
- 2) On the Air District web site at www.baaqmd.gov (follow the Title V links),
- 3) At the Air District, 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco. For an appointment call May Leung at (415) 749-4729.
- 4) For a hard copy of the permits, call the Public Information Office at (415) 749-4900 or write to: BAAQMD, Attn: Title V Permit Request, 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco, CA 94109.

What is Title V?

Title V is part of the 1990 amendments to the Clean Air Act, and requires all state and local governments to develop and implement operating permits for all major pollution emitting facilities. The EPA oversees these permit programs and the Air District is charged with implementing them in the Bay Area, in accordance with Federal guidelines.

Title V is intended to clarify the complex air quality permitting process by consolidating the multitude of federal, state, and local air pollution control regulations into one summary operating permit that covers all aspects of a facility's year-to-year air pollution activities. The Title V operating permit program is implemented under Air District Regulation 2, Rule 6. Public comment is important to the Title V process. A final decision will incorporate consideration of public comments on the proposal.

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