

Notice Inviting Written Public Comment

Notice is hereby given that the Air Pollution Control Officer (APCO) of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District has made a Preliminary Decision to issue a modified authority to construct under application number 11251 for the **Metcalfe Energy Center** (MEC), a nominal 600 megawatt, natural gas fired power plant located in south San Jose near the intersection of Monterey Road and Santa Theresa Blvd. The facility consists of two natural-gas fired, combined-cycle gas turbines and two heat recovery steam generators.

The modifications consist of permit condition changes allowing increases in short-term emission rates during gas turbine start-ups, combustor tuning, and the commissioning of the gas turbines. The impacts of these emission increases have been modeled in accordance with District and EPA guidelines and the increases will not interfere with the attainment or maintenance of any applicable ambient air quality standards. There will be no increase in the maximum annual emissions from the facility as a result of the proposed changes in permit conditions. There will be no increase in toxic air contaminant emissions and no impact on public health as a result of the proposed changes in permit conditions.

Because the proposed changes in permit conditions trigger a Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) analysis, the permit evaluation is subject to the publication, public comment, and public inspection requirements of Regulations 2-2-405 and 2-2-406. Pursuant to District Regulation 2-2-405, the Air Pollution Control Officer invites written public comment on the permit evaluation for application 11251 and its intended action.

The permit evaluation for application 11251 is available for public inspection at the Public Information and Education Office located on the 5th floor of District headquarters at 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco CA, 94109. The permit evaluation may also be viewed on the District website at www.baaqmd.gov. Written comments should be directed to Dennis Jang of the District Engineering Division by March 18, 2005.

Dated at San Francisco, the 10th day of February, 2005

Signed by Jack P. Broadbent

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