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## **Public Comment Period Begins**

### **Waste Management of Alameda County 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 Waste Management of Alameda County, located at 10840 Altamont Pass Road in Livermore. Waste Management of Alameda County owns and operates the Altamont Landfill and Resource Recovery Facility, an active municipal solid waste landfill. The facility includes active landfill gas collection systems, landfill gas recovery equipment, gas flares, and leachate treatment operations.

The public comment period is from October 8, 2003 until November 10, 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 Livermore Public Library, 1000 S. Livermore Avenue in Livermore or
- 2) On the Air District web site at [www.baaqmd.gov](http://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 permit, 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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