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Sonoma County Central Landfill Gets Preliminary OK for Revised Title V Permit

The Air District has made a preliminary decision to grant a revised Title V permit to the Sonoma County Central Landfill, located at 500 Mecham Road in Petaluma. The purpose of the revision is to update the Title V permit issued to the Sonoma County Central Landfill on February 27, 2001. Since the initial issuance, the facility has requested that a number of changes be made; including changing the responsible official, expansion of the landfill, addition of new sources, modifications to the gas collection system, and the correction of outdated information. The proposed revisions include permit modifications made in two District permit applications. In addition to the changes requested by Sonoma County, the District has made updates and corrections to the permit as appropriate.

The public comment period is from December 30, 2003 until January 30, 2004. 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) Sonoma County Library, 3rd Street and E Street, Santa Rosa, also at Windsor Regional Library, 9291 Old Redwood Highway, Building 100, Windsor, or
- 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 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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