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Pacific Gas & Electric Power Plant Gets Preliminary OK for Title V Permit

The Air District has made a preliminary decision to grant a Title V permit to the Pacific Gas & Electric power plant located at 1000 Evans Avenue in San Francisco. The PG&E power plant includes two 26-megawatt turbines, and a boiler that generates steam. The steam is used to turn a turbine to generate 168 megawatts of electricity.

Public Meetings - The Air District will hold an informational meeting to describe the Title V process and answer questions on Tuesday, April 6th, from 6:30 – 9:00 pm. A public hearing will also be held on May 4th, from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm., to take public comment on PG&E's application for a Title V permit. Both meetings will take place at the Milton Meyers Auditorium, located at 195 Kiska Road in San Francisco.

The public comment period is from March 29, 2004 until May 11, 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) At the San Francisco Public Library, located at 100 Larkin Street, and 4075 3rd. Street, San Francisco, 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.

Written comments should be directed to Brenda Cabral, at the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco, CA 94109 or by email to bcabral@baaqmd.gov.

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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