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Public Comment Period Extended for PG&E Power Plant Title V Permit

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District has extended the public comment period on the proposed Title V federal operating permit for the Pacific Gas and Electric Power Plant located at 1000 Evans Avenue in San Francisco. The public comment period, which began on March 29, has been extended until May 25, 2004. 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.

Members of the public may comment on any aspect of the proposed permit. Copies of the proposal can be found:

- 1) In the San Francisco Public Libraries located at 100 Larkin Street, and 4075 3rd Street, San Francisco,
- 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, BAAQMD, 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. 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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