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San Francisco International Airport Gets Preliminary OK for Title V Permit

The Air District has made a <u>preliminary</u> decision to grant a Title V permit to the San Francisco International Airport, San Francisco, CA 94128. This permit addresses operations relating to the Airport's wastewater treatment facility, and numerous emergency diesel generators that provide power in the event of an outage. The main sources of emissions are boilers, emergency generators, and the small sewage treatment plant.

The public comment period is from February 11, 2004 until March 17, 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) South San Francisco Library, 840 W. Orange Avenue, South San Francisco, and the San Bruno Library, 701 Angus Avenue W., San Bruno, or
- 2) On the Air District web site at www.baagmd.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.