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## **Los Esteros Critical Energy Facility Gets Preliminary OK for Title V Permit**

The Air District has made a preliminary decision to grant a Title V permit to the Los Esteros Critical Energy Facility, Inc. located at 1515 Alviso-Milpitas Road in San Jose. The Los Esteros Critical Energy Facility is a 180 MW natural gas-fired simple cycle peaking power plant operated by Calpine. The power plant is located within the city of San Jose, in Santa Clara County.

The public comment period is from March 26, 2004 until April 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) At the San Jose Main Library located at 180 W. San Carlos Street, San Jose, the Santa Teresa Branch Library located at 290 International Circle, San Jose, 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.

Written comments should be directed to Bob Nishimura, at the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco, CA 94109 or by email to [bnishimura@baaqmd.gov](mailto:bnishimura@baaqmd.gov). Any request for information or for a public hearing should be directed to Dennis Jang at (415) 749- 4707.

### 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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