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Mirant Potrero Power Plant Gets Preliminary OK for Title V Permit

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District has made a preliminary decision to renew the Federal Title V permit of the Mirant Potrero power plant located at 1201-A Illinois Street in San Francisco. The Mirant Potrero power plant includes one 210-megawatt electric utility steam boiler and six 26-megawatt standby peaker turbines. The peaker turbines are limited to 877 hours of operation per year.

Public Meetings - The Air District will hold an informational meeting to describe the federal Title V process and answer questions on Thursday, April 8th from 6:30 to 9:00 PM. A public hearing to take public comment on the proposed renewal will be held on May 6th, from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm. Both meetings will be held at the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House Theater at 953 DeHaro Street at Southern Heights Avenue in San Francisco. The auditorium is accessible to the handicapped.

The public comment period on the proposed permit is from March 23, 2004 until May 13, 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 Donald Van Buren, at the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco, CA 94109 or by email to dvanburen@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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