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## **U.S. Pipe and Foundry Company Title V Permit Public Comment Period Opens**

The public comment period is from January 14, 2005 to February 15, 2005.

The Air District has completed its preliminary review of the Title V permit for U.S. Pipe and Foundry Company, located at 1295 Whipple Road in Union City. The permit has now advanced to the public comment stage of the Title V process. U.S. Pipe and Foundry manufactures ductile iron pressure pipe from ferrous scrap metal. Typically the pipes are covered with a rust preventative asphalt coating. The major pollutants emitted from the facility are particulate matter and sulfur dioxide from equipment used to melt, hold, and treat scrap metal. The resulting molten iron is then poured into molds to form the iron pressure pipe.

The public comment period is from January 14, 2005 to February 15, 2005. 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 Union Public Library, 34007 Alvarado-Niles Road, Union City 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 Dennis Jang, at the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco, CA 94109 or by email to [djang@baaqmd.gov](mailto:djang@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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