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Air District seeks further public comment on proposed Hayward power plant

SAN FRANCISCO - The Bay Area Air Quality Management District is seeking public comment on the revised permit for the Russell City Energy Center in Hayward through Sept. 16, 2009.

The Air District proposed issuing a permit for the facility in December 2008. Following a public hearing and significant public input, the Air District revised the proposed permit to include more stringent air quality provisions.

"This proposed permit has been strengthened as a result of the public process," said Brian Bateman, engineering director for the Air District. "The Air District will continue to consider comments from the community in determining whether the proposed project meets applicable air quality requirements."

The project is a 600-megawatt, natural gas-fired, combined-cycle power plant proposed by Houston-based Russell City Energy Company, a Calpine Corporation affiliate. The planned location is 3862 Depot Road in Hayward, near the corner of Depot Road and Cabot Boulevard.

The public can provide their input to the Air District by submitting written comments to Mr. Weyman Lee, BAAQMD, 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco, CA, 94109, or via email at weyman@baaqmd.gov. Written comments must be received by Sept. 16, 2009.

A public hearing will also be held from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 2, 2009, at Hayward City Hall Council Chambers, 777 B Street, Hayward, CA. Air District staff will be available to answer questions and talk to the public during an open house from 6:00 to 6:30 p.m. prior to the public hearing that same evening. Further information is available on the Air District's website at www.baaqmd.gov.

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District (www.baaqmd.gov) is the regional agency chartered with protecting air quality in the Bay Area.

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