

**Notice of Public Hearing and Notice Inviting Written Public Comment on
Draft Federal Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) Permit for the
Russell City Energy Center, Hayward, CA**

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District ("District") is proposing to issue a federal Prevention of Significant Deterioration ("PSD") Permit for the Russell City Energy Center. The District is providing the public with notice of the proposed permit and an opportunity to review and comment on it. The District is also holding a Public Hearing to provide the public with an opportunity to comment in person.

The proposed Russell City Energy Center is a 600-megawatt natural gas fired combined-cycle power plant to be built by Russell City Energy Company, LLC (717 Texas Avenue, Suite 1000, Houston, TX 77002), an affiliate of Calpine Corporation. The proposed facility would be located at 3862 Depot Road, near the corner of Depot Road and Cabot Boulevard, in Hayward, CA. The proposed power plant consists of two combustion turbine generators, two heat recovery steam boilers, a steam turbine generator and associated equipment, a wet cooling system, and a diesel fire pump. The proposed facility would emit up to 127 tons of Oxides of Nitrogen, 330 tons of Carbon Monoxide, and 71.8 tons of Particulate Matter per year. The plant would use Best Available Control Technology to minimize these emissions, and would not consume a significant degree of any PSD increment.

The District previously proposed to issue a PSD permit for this facility on December 8, 2008, and held a public hearing on January 21, 2009. Based on comments received from the public, the District has revised the proposed permit and is including a number of more stringent permit conditions. The District's revised proposal is explained in detail in its Additional Statement of Basis for the proposed permit, as well as in the initial December 8, 2008, Statement of Basis and the other documentation the District is making available for public review (including the draft permit conditions, all data submitted by the applicant, and all administrative record documents the District has relied on for its proposal). These documents are available for public inspection at District headquarters during normal business hours, and the principal documents are also available on the District's website at www.baaqmd.gov. Further information about the project, and copies of the draft permit, Statement of Basis documents, application, and other relevant documentation, can be obtained by calling or writing to Weyman Lee, P.E., Senior Air Quality Engineer, Bay Area Air Quality Management District, 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco, CA, 94109, (415) 749-4796, weyman@baaqmd.gov. Para obtener la información en español, comuníquese con Brenda Cabral en la sede del Distrito, (415) 749-4686, bcabral@baaqmd.gov.

The District invites all interested parties to submit written comments on any aspect of the proposed PSD Permit. Written comments should be directed to Weyman Lee at the address provided above, and must be received by **September 16, 2009**. The District also invites interested parties to attend the Public Hearing the District will hold for the purpose of receiving oral and written testimony from the public. The Public Hearing will be held from 6:30 to 9:00 pm on **Wednesday, September 2, 2009**, at Hayward City Hall Council Chambers, 777 B Street, Hayward, CA, 94541. Speakers will be limited to three minutes each. District staff will be available from 6:00 to 6:30 to discuss the project informally and answer any questions. Previous notices regarding the permit were issued 4/12/07, 12/3/07, 12/11/08, 12/12/08 and 1/23/09.

The District encourages all interested members of the public to comment in writing or at the Public Hearing. The District will consider all comments received during the comment period before making a final decision on the proposed PSD Permit. Comments submitted during the previous comment period **do not** need to be resubmitted at this time.