

Russell City Energy Center Status Update 6/23/09



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In December 2008, the District requested public comments on a draft Federal PSD Permit for the Russell City Energy Center, a proposed natural gas-fired combined cycle power plant with a nominal output of 600 megawatts that would be located in Hayward. A public hearing on the project was held on January 21, 2009, and written comments were accepted through February 6, 2009.

Since the end of the public comment period, the District has reviewed and evaluated the numerous comments received on the project, has conducted additional analyses, and has made a number of changes to the draft permit. The District is planning to provide an additional formal public comment period on the revised draft Federal PSD Permit and will publish an additional Statement of Basis to support the revised draft at that time, most likely in late July. The District is also preparing a record of supporting documents that will be made available when the comment period begins. Finally, a public hearing will be scheduled during the comment period to provide additional opportunities for input.

At this time, the District is providing a draft of the additional Statement of Basis that it plans to publish for the additional comment period, along with some of the relevant information that underlies the District's revised permit analysis. The District is providing this draft and supporting information in order to enhance the opportunities for public review.

Questions on this matter may be directed to Weyman Lee, Senior Air Quality Engineer, at (415) 749-4796, or Weyman@BAAQMD.gov.