

NOTICE INVITING WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS

NOTICE is hereby given that the Air Pollution Control Officer of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (“District”) has made a preliminary decision to issue a Synthetic Minor Operating Permit to PG&E Los Medanos, located in unincorporated Contra Costa County near Concord, as requested under application #23856. The facility stores natural gas. In the warmer months, the facility compresses natural gas and stores it in an underground storage field that formerly was a source of crude oil. In the winter, the facility draws the natural gas out for distribution. Before it is distributed, it is dehydrated by two triethylene glycol (TEG) dehydrators that are abated by two thermal oxidizers. The facility also has several tanks and a natural gas-powered emergency generator.

The facility’s existing District permit would allow the facility to emit more than 100 tons of carbon monoxide (CO) per year. Therefore, it is defined as a major facility by BAAQMD Regulation 2-6-212.1. The facility has applied for a synthetic minor permit that will limit its emissions of CO to less than 100 tons in any consecutive 12-month period. Other pollutants have been evaluated to ensure that the potential to emit (PTE) is less than the major source thresholds, which are 100 tons per year (tpy) of any regulated air pollutant except greenhouse gases, less than 100,000 tpy of greenhouse gases as CO₂E, less than 10 tpy of any hazardous air pollutant (HAP), and less than 25 tpy of any combination of hazardous air pollutants. Note that fugitive emissions of non-HAP pollutants are not included in the above limits.

The Air Pollution Control Officer invites written public comment on the above application and intended action. Comments must be submitted by February 14, 2014.

The evaluation report with synthetic minor operating permit conditions and supporting materials are available for public inspection at the District Headquarters, 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco, CA 94109, in the Engineering Division on the 3rd floor and on the District’s website at: <http://www.baaqmd.gov/Divisions/Engineering/Public-Notices-on-Permits.aspx>. Written comments should be mailed to Brenda Cabral at the BAAQMD, 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco CA 94109 or by e-mail to bcabral@baaqmd.gov.

Dated at San Francisco, the 3rd day of January, 2014.

By: _____ Signed by Jim Karas, P.E.
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