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Commercial Pattern, Inc. Title V Permit Public Comment Period Opens

The public comment period is from December 10, 2004 until January 10, 2005

The Air District has completed its preliminary review of the Title V permit for Commercial Pattern, Inc., located at 3162 Baumberg Avenue in Hayward. Commercial Pattern, Inc. manufactures transit bus components made from reinforced plastic composites. Emissions from the facility are primarily volatile organic compounds (VOCs). Styrene is the main pollutant, and acetone used for cleanup is also emitted. The permit has now advanced to the public comment stage of the Title V process.

The public comment period is from December 10, 2004 until January 10, 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 Hayward Public Library, 835 "C" Street, Hayward, or
- 2) On the Air District web site at 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 Donald Van Buren, at the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco, CA 94109 or by email to dvanburen@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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