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Isola Laminate Systems, Corp. Title V Permit Public Comment Period Opens

The public comment period is from December 17, 2004 until January 17, 2005

The Air District has completed its preliminary review of the Title V permit for Isola Laminate Systems for their copper laminate manufacturing facility. The permit has now advanced to the public comment stage of the Title V process. The facility consists of a single manufacturing building housing production lines, finishing areas, a quality control lab, maintenance and warehouse area, and thermal oxidizers. It has an outdoor tank farm for bulk chemical storage. Isola Laminate produces a variety of electronic grade laminates used in the construction of circuit boards. The main source of volatile organic compounds (VOC) emissions are the mixing tanks, where the resins are blended, and the treaters, which coat the resins onto the copper laminates.

The public comment period is from December 17, 2004 until January 17, 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 Fremont Main Library, 2400 Stevenson Blvd., Fremont, or
- 2) On the Air District web site at www.baagmd.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 Eric Chan, at the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco, CA 94109 or by email to echan@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. ###