

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
INITIAL STUDY AND PROPOSED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

October 15, 2010

Notice is hereby given that the San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District (District) proposes to issue an Initial Study and Proposed Negative Declaration for the following project:

PROJECT TITLE, LOCATION, AND DESCRIPTION

Project Title: Cryogenic Natural Gas Processing Plant for Occidental of Elk Hills Inc.

Project Location: The project will be located in the existing gas plant stationary source at the NW ¼ of Section 35, T30S/R23E in Kern County, California.

Description of Project: Occidental is proposing to construct and operate a new cryogenic natural gas processing plant to be located at the existing Occidental gas plant, (Stationary Source S-2234). The new plant will be designed to process approximately 200 MMscfd of natural gas from crude oil and natural gas production operations. Cryogenic processes involving compression and refrigeration are designed to separate ethane, propane, butane and natural gasoline from the produced gas stream. The remaining residue gas, containing primarily methane will be used as fuel or sold to offsite users. The facility will be constructed on an existing industrial site, currently occupied by a warehouse and pipe storage yard and will encompass an estimated 16.71 acres. Construction is expected to occur for an approximately 14 months.

AVAILABILITY OF INITIAL STUDY AND PROPOSED NEGATIVE DECLARATION:

The Proposed Negative Declaration is based upon a finding that the project will not have significant impacts on the environment or human health. The reasons to support such a finding are documented in the Initial Study and Proposed Negative Declaration prepared by the District. Copies of the Initial Study and Proposed Negative Declaration and all documents referenced therein may be reviewed at the following location:

San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District:

San Joaquin Valley APCD
Central Region Office
1990 E. Gettysburg Ave.
Fresno, CA 93726

On the web at: http://www.valleyair.org/notices/public_notices_idx.htm

COMMENTS ON INITIAL STUDY AND PROPOSED NEGATIVE DECLARATION:

Public Review Period: Begins: October 15, 2010

Ends: November 15, 2010

Any interested person may submit written comments on the Initial Study and Proposed Negative Declaration. Written comments will be reviewed by the District in considering the adoption of a Final Negative Declaration for the project. To be considered, comments must be received by **5:00 pm** on **November 15, 2010**.