

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

August 8, 2007

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

PROJECT TITLE, LOCATION, AND DESCRIPTION:

Project Title: Proposed Amendments to Rule 4703 (Stationary Gas Turbines)

Project Location: All land within the boundaries of the San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District, including the entire counties of Fresno, Kings, Madera, Merced, Tulare, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, and the San Joaquin Valley portion of Kern County

Description of Project:

This rulemaking project will amend Rule 4703 (Stationary Gas Turbines) to reduce NOx emissions from stationary gas turbines. This project is part of the District's ozone and particulate matter attainment strategies. To satisfy the attainment goals of the ozone and PM plans, this project will seek to obtain as many NOx emission reductions from each applicable source category as is expeditiously practicable, technologically feasible, and economically reasonable, as determined by the District's Governing Board. The rulemaking project is also intended to satisfy state and federal requirements. The project is composed of the five (5) amendments described below:

- « Amendment 1 – Existing Tier 2 NOx limits will be amended to become the new proposed Tier 3 limits.
- « Amendment 2 – NOx control devices that result in emissions reduction of at least 95% would be considered as meeting the Tier 3 limits.
- « Amendment 3 – Provisions for public service turbine operations during a Stage 1, Stage 2 or Stage 3 emergency.
- « Amendment 4 – Provisions for an Alternate Emission Control Plan (AECPP) to provide operators with greater flexibility in complying with the proposed emission limits.
- « Amendment 5 – Compliance deadlines to meet the new Tier 3 limits

AVAILABILITY OF INITIAL STUDY/ NEGATIVE DECLARATION:

The proposed Negative Declaration is based upon a finding that the project could not have a significant effect upon the environment. The reasons to support such a finding are documented in the Initial Study prepared by the District. Copies of the Initial Study and all documents referenced therein may be reviewed at the following locations:

San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District:

Central Region Office
1990 E. Gettysburg Ave.
Fresno, CA 93726

Southern Region Office
2700 M. St., Suite 275
Bakersfield, CA 93301

Northern Region Office
4800 Enterprise Way
Modesto, CA 95356

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

COMMENTS ON INITIAL STUDY/NEGATIVE DECLARATION:

Public Review Period: Begins: August 8, 2007 **Ends:** September 7, 2007

Any interested person may submit written comments on the proposed Initial Study/Negative Declaration. Said 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 **September 7, 2007**.