Public Hearing on Proposed Renewal of Title V Permit for Chemical Waste Management

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Interpretation

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Hearing Agenda

• Commenter cards
• What Is Title V?
• Chemical Waste Management and Title V
• Operations Under Permit
• Renewal Process
• Next Steps
• Public Comments
What is Title V?

• Title V is a federally mandated operating permit program which requires major sources to maintain permits which can be enforced by the District or the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), or by individual citizens.

• This is in addition to any permits required by the Air District.

• These are combined into one operating permit, with the Title V conditions identified as “Federally Enforceable through Title V”
What is Title V? cont.

- Title V permits include appropriate conditions for all Federally applicable rules that apply to the source, including adequate monitoring, recordkeeping and reporting.
- Title V permits are issued for up to a five-year period.
- Renewal application must be submitted 6 to 18 months before the current permit expires.
- Renewal application acts as permit extension.
What is Title V? *cont.*

- Proposed action (approval or denial) noticed in newspaper of general circulation, posted on website, and sent to all who request notice.
- Final action considers all comments received.
- Federal Title V permits assure compliance with applicable air requirements.
- If facility is out of compliance with an applicable air requirement, permit must include a schedule of compliance.
Chemical Waste Management (CWM) and Title V

- Facility is a Major Source for Oxides of Nitrogen (NOx), Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC), Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAP) and Greenhouse Gases (GHG).
- Timely renewal application submitted March 1, 2007, authorizing CWM to continue to operate under existing permit.
Operations Under Permit

- 2 municipal solid waste landfills - permits C-283-22 (B-19) and ‘-25 (B-17)
- One hazardous waste landfill - permit C-283-11 (B-18)
- Three aqueous waste evaporation ponds - permits C-283-14 (P-9), ‘-15 (P-14) and ‘-17 (P-16)
Operations Under Permit *cont.*

- Waste stabilization unit with portable reagent storage tank - permits C-283-19 and ’24
- Gasoline dispensing operation - permit C-283-20
- Diesel-fired emergency electrical generator - permit C-283-8
Title V Renewal Process

• Source submits application
• District reviews permits and prepares evaluation
• Look at new and amended rules since the last Title V permit was issued
• Update permits to ensure they contain all appropriate Federally applicable conditions.
• For CWM, these rules include regulations for the municipal solid waste landfills, gasoline dispensing operation, and diesel-fired emergency generator.
Title V Renewal Process cont.

• The proposal to either renew, or deny the renewal of, the permit is sent to the Federal EPA and California Air Resources Board (ARB).

• The proposal is noticed in the newspaper of general circulation in the area, and sent to anyone who requests it, and is posted on the District’s website (www.valleyair.org).

• For this renewal, the proposal to renew the permit was sent to EPA and ARB on November 3, 2011, and published in the Hanford Sentinel on November 8, 2011.
Title V Renewal Process cont.

- The notice of proposed action was also sent to the following organizations on November 3, 2011:
  - Greenaction
  - Center on Race, Poverty and the Environment
  - El Pueblo Para El Aire y Agua Limpio
  - Kids Protecting Our Planet
  - California Communities Against Toxics
Title V Renewal Process cont.

- The applicant, ARB and the public will have 30-days from newspaper publication to submit written comments on the draft permits.
- For CWM, comment period extended until December 23, 2011, 15 days after this meeting.
- The public may request to have a public hearing, during which verbal comments may be given.
- For CWM, the organizations that received the notice of proposed action also requested this hearing.
Title V Renewal Process cont.

• The EPA has 45-days to comment on the draft permits.
• The District shall make changes to conditions based on comments received, if appropriate.
• The final permit, if approved, will be sent to the applicant with copies to ARB, EPA, and anyone who commented, as well as posted on the District website.
Next Steps

• Will review all comments received and prepare responses, including changes to conditions, if appropriate.

• Will issue final decision and send to applicant, ARB, EPA, and people who commented, as well as post on website.
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Public Comments