Public Hearing on Proposed Renewal of Title V Permit for Covanta Stanislaus, Inc.

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Interpretation

Interpretation in Spanish is being provided by Lupe Jauregui

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Hearing Agenda

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• What Is Title V?
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• Operations Under Permit
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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.
Covanta Stanislaus and Title V

- Facility is a Major Source for Oxides of Nitrogen (NOx), Oxides of Sulfur (SOx), Carbon Monoxide (CO), Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC), and Greenhouse Gases (GHG)
- Timely renewal application submitted April 26, 2007, authorizing Covanta to continue to operate under existing permit.
Operations Under Permit

• 2 municipal solid waste combusters with dry lime scrubbers, fly ash baghouse, ammonia injection system, lime slurry injection, activated carbon injection system, lime, soda and carbon silos with filter vents, waste receiving, ash conveying, and ash residue enclosure - permit N-2073-1
• Diesel-fired emergency electrical generator - permit N-2073-2
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 Covanta, these Federally applicable rules include regulations for the municipal solid waste combustors 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 Modesto Bee 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
  - Grayson Neighborhood Council
Title V Renewal Process *cont.*

- The applicant, ARB and the public have 30-days from newspaper publication to submit written comments on the draft permits.
- For Covanta, comment periods extended until December 21, 2011, 15 days after this meeting.
- The public may request to have a public hearing, during which verbal comments may be given.
- For Covanta, Greenaction 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