

NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Blythe Energy, Inc., operating their facility at 385 N. Buck Blvd. in Blythe California, located within the Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District (MDAQMD) has applied for a Minor Modification to their Federal Operating Permit (FOP) pursuant to the provisions of MDAQMD Regulation XII. The applicant is a facility engaged in electric power generation and is of a size requiring a Title V Permit. The applicant has applied for modification of District permits B007953 and B007954 and the current Title V Operating permits. The proposed modification adds an alternative CO concentration limit which is necessary for the facility to operate at low loads. The facility is requesting to operate at low load because of decreased demand due to increased energy provided by renewable technology. The intermittent nature of wind and solar power generation requires that variable power generation sources are available to fill in the gaps. The proposed modification does not change the mass based emission limits currently reflected in the facility permits.

PETITION FOR REVIEW: Title V Permits, once issued, are also subject to review and approval by USEPA. If USEPA has not objected to a proposed permit and the MDAQMD has not addressed a public comment in a satisfactory manner, the public may petition USEPA, Region IX, Operation Permits Section at 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105 within 60 days after the end of the USEPA review period which ends on November 3, 2018 for USEPA to reconsider its decision not to object to the permit.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments and/or other documents regarding the Preliminary Determination. If you submit written comments, you may also request a public hearing on the action. To be considered, comments, documents and requests for public hearing written comments must be received at the above address no later than thirty days after the date this notice is published. A Final Determination and revised permit should be issued by November 23, 2018.

AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS: Copies of the Permit Applications, Preliminary Determination and other supporting documentation are available from the MDAQMD by mail, in person, via the following link on the MDAQMD website: <http://mdaqmd.ca.gov/permitting/public-notices-advisories/public-notices-permitting-regulated-industry> or by contacting Roseana Navarro-Brasington, Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District, 14306 Park Avenue, Victorville, CA 92392, Phone: (760) 245-1661, extension 5706, Facsimile: (760) 245-2022 or at rnbrasington@mdaqmd.ca.gov.

Traducción en español esta disponible por solicitud. Por favor llame: (760) 245-1661