

NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **Southern California Gas Company, Blythe Compressor Station**, located at 13100 W 14th Avenue, Blythe CA 92225 has submitted an application package to the MDAQMD to process and issue Permits to Construct and Operate for 4 – New Natural Gas Fired Turbines, 5 - New Natural Gas Fired Electrical Generators, 1 – New Diesel Fueled Emergency Water Pump, and 1 – New Aqueous Ammonia Tank. The new equipment is required to modernize and upgrade the Natural Gas Compression facility and to reduce maintenance associated with existing and aging equipment. Due to the projects size and complexity, and to ensure operational flexibility during construction, the project will be completed in two Phases, Phase I and Phase II. To offset emissions associated with the proposed new equipment, the applicant is proposing to modify 5 of their existing Clark Reciprocal Engines, and retire several existing Natural Gas fired Generators and Compressors. The emission reductions associated with the modifications, and equipment retirements, will be utilized as Simultaneous Emissions Reductions (SER's) for the New Equipment. Concurrently, the applicant has submitted a Title V Permit modification application for their Federal Operating Permit (3101437) pursuant to the provisions of the Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District (MDAQMD) Regulation XII. The proposed facility changes require the MDAQMD to perform a thorough New Source Review (NSR), pursuant to District regulation XIII. In anticipation of net emission reductions, resulting from the BCS Upgrade project, the applicant has also submitted an application to receive NOx, Emission Reduction Credits (ERC's).

The MDAQMD has reviewed the proposal, analyzed the emissions and control equipment associated with the new and modified equipment and determined that the modified facility will continue to operate in compliance with all District, State, and Federal requirements once the project is complete. The analysis indicates that there will be a net emission reduction in nitrogen oxides (NOx's) and that the Health Risks associated with the modified facility operations will be acceptable per the 2016 OEHHA Guidelines.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments and/or other documents regarding the terms and conditions of the proposed NSR modification, and the associated Federal Operating Permit. If you submit written comments, you may also request a public hearing on the NSR action and proposed modification to the Federal Operating Permit. To be considered, comments, documents and requests for public hearing must be submitted no later than 4:00 P.M. on January 4, 2019, to the MDAQMD, at the address listed below.

PETITION FOR REVIEW: The NSR action and Draft Federal Operating Permit are subject to review and approval by USEPA and the CARB. If USEPA/CARB do not object to the proposed permit and Statement of Legal and Factual Basis, 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 for USEPA to reconsider its decision not to object to the permit.

AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS: The proposed Federal Operating Permit, as well as the application and other supporting documentation are available for review at the MDAQMD offices, 14306 Park Avenue, Victorville, CA 92392. In addition, these documents are available on the MDAQMD website and can be viewed at following link:

<http://www.mdaqmd.ca.gov/permitting/public-notices-advisories/public-notices-permitting-regulated-industry>

Please contact Sheri Haggard, Supervising Air Quality Engineer at the address above, or (760) 245-1661, extension 1864, or at shaggard@mdaqmd.ca.gov with additional questions pertaining to this action and/or corresponding documents.

Traducción en español esta disponible por solicitud. Por favor llame: (760) 245-1661 x1864