

**NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY DECISION
FOR THE PROPOSED MODIFICATION OF
FEDERALLY MANDATED OPERATING PERMIT**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District solicits public comment on the proposed modification of the Federally Mandated Operating Permit to Aera Energy, LLC for its heavy oil and natural gas extraction operation located at the Belridge Oil Field, California. Aera has proposed to remove a condition requiring a source test after changes in flue gas recirculation rate for these steam generators.

The District's analysis of the legal and factual basis for this proposed action, project #S-1103302, is available for public inspection at http://www.valleyair.org/notices/public_notices_idx.htm and the District office at the address below. This will be the public's only opportunity to comment on the specific conditions of the modification. If requested by the public, the District will hold a public hearing regarding issuance of this modification. For additional information, please contact Mr. Leonard Scandura, Permit Services Manager, at (661) 392-5500. Written comments on the proposed initial permit must be submitted within 30 days of the publication date of this notice to DAVID WARNER, DIRECTOR OF PERMIT SERVICES, SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT, 34946 FLYOVER COURT, BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA 93308.