

**NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY DECISION  
FOR THE ISSUANCE OF AUTHORITY TO CONSTRUCT AND  
THE PROPOSED SIGNIFICANT 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 significant modification of Plains Exploration & Production Company for its heavy oil production facility at the Hopkins Lease in the South Belridge Field, within the SE/4 of Section 10, Township 29S, Range 21E, California. Plains Exploration & Production Company is requesting an Authority to Construct (ATC) for the installation of a 85 MMBtu/hr natural gas-fired steam generator.

The District's analysis of the legal and factual basis for this proposed action, project #1114818, is available for public inspection at [http://www.valleyair.org/notices/public\\_notices\\_idx.htm](http://www.valleyair.org/notices/public_notices_idx.htm) and the District office at the address below. There are emission increases associated with this proposed action. 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, CA 93308.