

**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 issuance of Authority To Construct to Plains Exploration & Production Company for its oil and natural gas production facility located in Section 10, Township 29S, Range 21E within the Hopkins Lease in PXP's Heavy Oil Western Stationary Source in Kern County, California. Plains Exploration and Production Company requests to modify TEOR permit S-1372-316 to increase the TEOR well count from 136 to 236 wells and to specify that the VOC content of the produced gas/liquid at this location is less than 10%.

The analysis of the regulatory basis for these proposed actions, Project #S-1120719, is available for public inspection at http://www.valleyair.org/notices/public_notices_idx.htm and the District office at the address below. 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.**