

May 8, 2013

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Re: Los Esteros Critical Energy Facility  
BAAQMD Application 24977

Dear Ms. Stora:

The District has received a request from Los Esteros Critical Energy Facility (the applicant) to amend the monitoring conditions for the Los Esteros Phase 2 Project, to allow the installation of a different fire pump engine than the one that was originally proposed, and to allow the facility to substitute an equivalent turbine for any existing turbine that is sent to the manufacturer for maintenance until maintenance is complete.

The applicant submitted the proposal to the District to change monitoring conditions and for the fire pump on October 26, 2012, and the proposal for the maintenance turbine on March 27, 2013. The proposals are attached.

The District finds that the fire pump engine and maintenance turbine proposals are fully approvable. The District also finds that the changes to monitoring are approvable in part. The applicant has also withdrawn several items from consideration. The analysis is contained in the draft evaluation for Application 24977, attached.

The District understands that the applicant has submitted a Petition to Amend the Energy Commission Decision for the reasons stated above. The District will not issue the District's final permit until the Energy Commission has ruled on the petition. Attached to the draft evaluation are the proposed changes to BAAQMD Permit Condition #23688.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Brenda Cabral, Supervising Air Quality Engineer, at (415) 749-4686 (bcabral@baaqmd.gov).

Sincerely,

Jim Karas  
Director of Engineering

Attachments

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