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*** PUBLIC NOTICE ***

**BIG WEST OF CALIFORNIA, BAKERSFIELD REFINERY
- CLEAN FUELS PROJECT -**

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF REVISIONS TO A PROPOSED PERMIT
REGULATING THE EMISSION OF AIR POLLUTANTS
AND AN EXTENSION OF THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

EPA Permit # SJ-05-01 (06-029-S0033-1.0)

On November 2, 2007 the United States Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”), Air Permits Office, Region 9 announced the start of a public comment period on a proposal to issue an air permit to the Big West of California, Bakersfield refinery. The permit would grant conditional approval, in accordance with the Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) regulations (40 CFR 52.21), for Big West to construct and operate additional processing units within the existing Bakersfield refinery, located at 6451 Rosedale Highway, about 2.5 miles northwest of the City of Bakersfield. The addition of these units, as well as associated refinery modifications, is referred to as the Clean Fuels Project (CFP). The purpose of the CFP is to increase production of gasoline and diesel fuel that meets California Air Resources Board fuel specifications.

EPA is hereby announcing a revision to the proposed permit to correct an error. In addition to regulating emissions of carbon monoxide (CO), nitrogen oxides (NO_x), and sulfur dioxide (SO₂), the revised proposed permit will also include conditions to regulate emissions of total particulate matter (PM). Conditions to regulate PM were erroneously omitted from the previously proposed permit.

Due to these revisions, EPA is extending the public comment period (previously set to terminate on December 12, 2007). The new public comment period end date is January 7, 2008. Any written comments must be received (if sent by e-mail) or postmarked (if sent by U.S. mail) on or before January 7, 2008 at the following addresses:

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An informational Open House and a Public Hearing will be held as originally scheduled:

Date: December 5, 2007
Time: Open House: 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm
Public Hearing: 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Location: Discovery Elementary School, Multipurpose Room
9500 Vaquero Ave., Bakersfield, CA 93308

The revised proposed air permit, statement of basis and ambient air quality impact report, and other supporting information are available on the EPA Region 9 website at <http://www.epa.gov/region9/air/permit/r9-permits-issued.html>. The administrative record may also be viewed in person, Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, at the EPA Region 9 address above. Due to building security procedures, please call to arrange a visit 24 hours in advance. A copy of the proposed permit and statement of basis/ambient air quality impact report is also available for viewing at the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District, Southern Region Office, at 2700 M. St., Suite 275 in Bakersfield, CA. Hard copies of the administrative record can be mailed to individuals upon request.

For further information, please contact Kathleen Stewart at (415) 947-4119, or send an email to R9airpermits_bigwest@epa.gov. Para información en Español, por favor comuníquese con Irma Miranda, al número (415) 972-3968, o Gerardo Rios, supervisor de la oficina de permisos, en la división de aire, al número (415) 972-3974.

Please bring the foregoing notice to the attention of all persons who would be interested in this matter.