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Informational meeting to be held Air District evaluating Lawrence Livermore re-application

An informational meeting will be conducted by the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District on July 18 to discuss the re-application for increased explosives detonations at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory's Site 300 (LLNL).

The purpose of meeting is to explain the permitting and CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) processes. The meeting focuses on LLNL Site 300's current application status, what the District still needs to do, the timeline for reaching a preliminary decision and the most opportune time for making public comments.

What: Informational meeting on LLNL's re-application for increased explosives detonations

When: Wednesday, July 18, 2007, 7:30 P.M.

Where: Tracy City Council Chambers, 333 Civic Center Plaza, Tracy

Who: San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District personnel will conduct the meeting and answer questions.

The District cancelled an application in March 2007 to allow LLNL to increase the amount of explosives used in blasts at the Site 300 test range when it was discovered that more information was needed to better determine if the increase can be allowed.

Outdoor blasts greater than 100 pounds per day have required an air district permit since 1997. The increase would allow as much as 350 pounds of explosives to be detonated at the site per day.

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