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**LRAPA completes Hynix air permit**

The Lane Regional Air Protection Agency (LRAPA) today completed and signed the Hynix Semiconductor Air Contaminant Discharge Permit Renewal, after a lengthy review of more than 250 public comments on the proposed permit. The permit is valid through December 31, 2011.

“We appreciate the widespread public involvement throughout this permitting process,” said Merlyn Hough, LRAPA director. “We have a much better permit as a result.”

Numerous changes were made to the permit, specifically in the areas of monitoring, reporting and the facility’s operating parameters.

“One of the concerns we heard often was that the community was uncomfortable with a testing requirement of once every five years [as the proposed permit required]. That permit requirement, as written, was more stringent than the federal rules require. The final version of the permit requires testing semi-annually, which should give the community more confidence.”

The permit does leave intact the facility’s requested emission limit of 5 tons of hydrogen fluoride emissions, a voiced concern in many of the comments. After assessing additional air dispersion modeling and risk analysis data that demonstrated Hynix’s emissions would be below the most restricted targets nationwide, LRAPA allowed the original numbers to stand. The facility remains well below the emissions release threshold that would classify it as a major industrial source by the Environmental Protection Agency.

The final permit and responses to comments on the permit will be available for public view on LRAPA’s website at [www.lrapa.org](http://www.lrapa.org), by the end of next business week. Residents who provided written and/or oral testimony on the proposed permit will receive a direct response from LRAPA.

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