

San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District

District Policy for Development of Best Performance Standards for Fruit and Vegetable Drying Operations in Tunnel Dryers (February 23, 2011)

Based upon a review of existing facilities and the available literature as well as upon statements made by the California League of Food Processors, the District finds that the general category of “*fruit and vegetable drying operations in a tunnel dryer*” covers a diversity of products and specialized processes, making it impractical to establish a single Best Performance Standard for this category of dryer.

In addition to the technical issues, the California League of Food Processors has stated that there is currently an over-capacity of tunnel dryers in California and there is no plan to install new equipment at this time.

Based on the above statements, the District has placed the development of BPS for the general category of “*fruit and vegetable drying operations in a tunnel dryer*” on-hold. Rather than develop a Best Performance Standard for this general category of dryers, the District will address BPS for tunnel dryers on both a project-specific and product-specific basis.