



San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District

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Agricultural Operations with Permitted Equipment

Agricultural operators who receive Air District permits are reminded to review and ensure that their agricultural operations are in compliance with permit requirements. Such permits are required for operational stationary equipment where the total emissions from the farm reach or exceed 12.5 tons per year of oxides of nitrogen (NO_x) or volatile organic compounds (VOC). Air District permits should not be confused with Conservation Management Practice (CMP) plans, which have different thresholds.

The purpose of this bulletin is to inform you that staff from the District's Small Business Assistance Office is available to assist with answering questions about this bulletin and Air District permits.

- **Please read each equipment description listed to ensure that it is accurate.** For dairies, the number of cows identified in the equipment description must accurately reflect the as-built design capacity of the operation. For farms with permitted pump engines, the make, model and horsepower must be correctly identified. Notify the District immediately if any discrepancies are found on the permit.
- **Please read each permit condition carefully.** Contact the District right away if you need staff to clarify a requirement or if you feel you may be unable to comply with a condition. Failure to comply with permit conditions is a violation of District rules.
- **Farms subject to permit requirements must also obtain Authority to Construct (ATC) permits prior to building, installing or modifying air pollution sources.** To ensure that equipment complies with air pollution control requirements, an ATC should be obtained prior to ordering any equipment or contracting for modifications. For dairies, examples where ATCs are required include, but are not limited to: building or expanding cow housing or shades; building, expanding, or modifying liquid or manure handling systems (e.g. lagoon, solids separators, etc); or building or modifying a milking center. For permitted farms, ATCs are required prior to adding, modifying, or replacing any pump or generator engine rated over 50 horsepower. Staff is available to help determine whether an ATC is required and to guide you through the application process.

Permitted operations are subject to periodic District inspections. In order to conduct an inspection, a District inspector will contact a responsible official at the time of or prior to arrival at your facility.

The Small Business Assistance Office may be contacted at the regional office nearest your agricultural operation:

Northern Region <i>(Serving San Joaquin, Stanislaus, and Merced counties)</i>	(209) 557-6446
Central Region <i>(Serving Madera, Fresno, and Kings counties)</i>	(559) 230-5888
Southern Region <i>(Serving Tulare County and the valley portion of Kern County)</i>	(661) 326-6969