

**NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY DECISION  
FOR THE ISSUANCE OF AUTHORITY TO CONSTRUCT AND  
THE PROPOSED SIGNIFICANT MODIFICATION OF FEDERALLY  
MANDATED OPERATING PERMIT**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District solicits public comment on the proposed significant modification of Hilmar Cheese Company at 9001 N Lander Ave, Merced, California. The facility has proposed to revise the annual fuel throughput of the 29.25 MMBtu/hr biogas-fired flare to 100,000 MMBtu/year to comply with District Rule 4311 and remove the 40 CFR Part 64 Compliance Assurance Monitoring (CAM) requirements.

The District's analysis of the legal and factual basis for this proposed action, project # N-1223921, is available for public inspection at [http://www.valleyair.org/notices/public\\_notices\\_idx.htm](http://www.valleyair.org/notices/public_notices_idx.htm) and at any District office. [There are no emission increases associated with this proposed action.](#) This will be the public's only opportunity to comment on the specific conditions of the modification. If requested, the District will hold a public hearing regarding issuance of this modification. For additional information, please contact the District at (209) 557-6400. Written comments on this project must be sent or postmarked by February 27th, 2023 to [publicnotices@valleyair.org](mailto:publicnotices@valleyair.org) or **BRIAN CLEMENTS, DIRECTOR OF PERMIT SERVICES, SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT, 4800 ENTERPRISE WAY, MODESTO, CA 95356.**