

June 1, 2023

Maz Ahmadi
South Valley Almond Co LLC
15443 Beech Ave
Wasco, CA 93280

RE: Notice of Final Action - Authority to Construct
Facility Number: S-3152
Project Number: S-1224423

Dear Mr. Ahmadi:

The Air Pollution Control Officer has issued the Authority to Construct permit to South Valley Almond Co LLC for the installation of a new transportable air curtain incinerator, at 15443 Beech Avenue in Wasco, CA. Enclosed are the Authority to Construct permit and a copy of the notice of final action that has been posted on the District's website (www.valleyair.org).

Notice of the District's preliminary decision to issue the Authority to Construct permit was posted on February 16, 2023. The District's analysis of the proposal was also sent to CARB on February 16, 2023. All comments received following the District's preliminary decision on this project were considered.

Comments received by the District during the public notice period resulted in minor changes. These changes were minor and did not trigger additional public notification requirements, nor did they have any impact upon the Best Available Control Technology determination or on the amount of offsets required for project approval.

Also enclosed is an invoice for the engineering evaluation fees pursuant to District Rule 3010. Please remit the amount owed, along with a copy of the attached invoice, within 60 days.

Samir Sheikh
Executive Director/Air Pollution Control Officer

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Mr. Maz Ahmadi
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Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Erin Scott at (661) 392-5500.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Erin Scott".

Brian Clements
Director of Permit Services

BC:hr

Enclosures

cc: Courtney Graham, CARB (w/ enclosure) via email

Facility # S-3152
SOUTH VALLEY ALMOND CO LLC
15443 BEECH AVE
WASCO, CA 93280-7604

AUTHORITY TO CONSTRUCT (ATC)

QUICK START GUIDE

1. **Pay Invoice:** Please pay enclosed invoice before due date.
2. **Fully Understand ATC:** Make sure you understand ALL conditions in the ATC prior to construction, modification and/or operation.
3. **Follow ATC:** You must construct, modify and/or operate your equipment as specified on the ATC. Any unspecified changes may require a new ATC.
4. **Notify District:** You must notify the District's Compliance Department, at the telephone numbers below, upon start-up and/or operation under the ATC. Please record the date construction or modification commenced and the date the equipment began operation under the ATC. A startup inspection may be required prior to receiving your Permit to Operate.
5. **Source Test:** Schedule and perform any required source testing. See http://www.valleyair.org/busind/comply/source_testing.htm for source testing resources.
6. **Maintain Records:** Maintain all records required by ATC. Records are reviewed during every inspection (or upon request) and must be retained for at least 5 years. Sample record keeping forms can be found at http://www.valleyair.org/busind/comply/compliance_forms.htm.

By operating in compliance, you are doing your part to improve air quality for all Valley residents.

**For assistance, please contact District Compliance staff at
any of the telephone numbers listed below.**

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AUTHORITY TO CONSTRUCT

PERMIT NO: S-3152-13-0

ISSUANCE DATE: 05/31/2023

LEGAL OWNER OR OPERATOR: SOUTH VALLEY ALMOND CO LLC

MAILING ADDRESS: 15443 BEECH AVE
WASCO, CA 93280-7604

LOCATION: 15443 BEECH AVE
WASCO, CA 93280-7604

EQUIPMENT DESCRIPTION:

TRANSPORTABLE AIR BURNERS INC. MODEL S-223 AIR CURTAIN INCINERATOR WITH A FAN POWERED BY A PERMIT-EXEMPT IC ENGINE (50 BHP OR LESS)

CONDITIONS

1. Within 12 months of initial operation of this air curtain incinerator, the operator shall submit a complete application for a Title V operating permit to the District for compliance with New Source Performance Standard Subpart CCCC - Standards of Performance for Commercial and Industrial Solid Waste Incineration Units. [40 CFR 60.2242]
2. This equipment shall be operated at one location or site at a facility for no more than 12 consecutive months. [District Rule 2201]
3. When operating under this permit, the equipment shall only operate in the yard/open area identified in the application that is located approximately 1 mile southwest of the processing plant and west of the canal. [District Rule 2201]
4. No air contaminant shall be released into the atmosphere which causes a public nuisance. [District Rule 4102]
5. The air curtain incinerator shall be operated according to manufacturer's specifications and in a manner to minimize emissions of air contaminants into the atmosphere. This includes but not limited to the following prohibitions: biomass shall not protrude from the firebox into the air curtain, flames shall not be visible above the air curtain, and plumes of ash shall not be generated due to excessive loading. [District Rules 2201 and 4102]
6. The air curtain incinerator shall burn only almond biomass waste material, including almond wood sticks generated onsite as a byproduct of almond processing. [District Rules 2201 and 4102]
7. After operation is completed for a day, the fire in the firebox shall be snuffed out and shall not be allowed to smolder overnight. [District Rule 4102]

CONDITIONS CONTINUE ON NEXT PAGE

YOU MUST NOTIFY THE DISTRICT COMPLIANCE DIVISION AT (661) 392-5500 WHEN CONSTRUCTION IS COMPLETED AND PRIOR TO OPERATING THE EQUIPMENT OR MODIFICATIONS AUTHORIZED BY THIS AUTHORITY TO CONSTRUCT. This is NOT a PERMIT TO OPERATE. Approval or denial of a PERMIT TO OPERATE will be made after an inspection to verify that the equipment has been constructed in accordance with the approved plans, specifications and conditions of this Authority to Construct, and to determine if the equipment can be operated in compliance with all Rules and Regulations of the San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District. Unless construction has commenced pursuant to Rule 2050, this Authority to Construct shall expire and application shall be cancelled two years from the date of issuance. The applicant is responsible for complying with all laws, ordinances and regulations of all other governmental agencies which may pertain to the above equipment.

Samir Sheikh, Executive Director / APCO



Brian Clements, Director of Permit Services

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8. Ash removed from the firebox shall be handled, stored, and disposed of in a manner minimizing entrainment into the atmosphere. [District Rules 2201 and 4102]
9. The air curtain burner shall burn no more than 80.0 tons of materials in any one day. [District Rule 2201]
10. The air curtain burner shall burn no more than 8,000 tons of material in any calendar year. [District Rule 2201]
11. The amount of ash handled shall not exceed 2.4 tons in any one day. [District Rules 2201 and 4102]
12. The amount of ash handled shall not exceed 240 tons in any year. [District Rules 2201 and 4102]
13. Emissions from ash handling shall not exceed 0.23 lb-PM10/ton. [District Rule 2201]
14. For conducting a cold start, the operator shall use a propane or butane torch, driptorch, or flare to ignite the material inside the air curtain incinerator. No accelerants (e.g. gasoline, diesel fuel, kerosene, turpentine) may be used. [District Rules 2201 and 4102]
15. Emissions (in units of pounds per ton of waste material) from the air curtain incinerator shall not exceed any of the following limits: 1.0 lb-NO_x/ton, 0.1 lb-SO_x/ton, 1.3 lb-PM10/ton, 2.6 lb-CO/ton, or 0.9 lb-VOC/ton. [District Rule 2201]
16. Particulate matter emissions shall not exceed 0.1 grains/dscf in concentration. [District Rule 4201]
17. During the startup period that is within the first 30 minutes of operation, visible emissions from the air curtain incinerator shall not equal or exceed Ringelmann 1 or 20% opacity for more than 3 minutes in any one hour. [District Rules 2201 and 4101]
18. After the startup period, during steady state operation, visible emissions from the air curtain incinerator shall not equal or exceed either of the following limits: Ringelmann 1 or 20% opacity for more than 3 minutes in any one hour or 10% opacity as determined by the average of three 1-hour blocks consisting of ten 6-minute average opacity values. [District Rules 2201 and 4101]
19. Opacity testing shall be conducted using the methods and procedures approved by the District. The District must be notified 30 days prior to any compliance opacity testing and an opacity test plan must be submitted for approval at least 15 days prior to testing. [District Rule 1081]
20. The operator shall conduct periodic testing for opacity within 60 days of startup and at least once every 12 calendar months thereafter. Opacity testing shall consist of one 30 minute cold start observation, and three 1 hour observations under normal steady state operation. [District Rule 1081]
21. Compliance with the opacity limits on this permit shall be determined by EPA Method 9. [District Rule 4101]
22. Observers for the opacity compliance demonstration shall be certified according to the procedure in EPA Method 9. [District Rule 4101]
23. Opacity observations shall be made at the point of greatest opacity in that portion of the plume where condensed water vapor is not present. [District Rule 1081]
24. The permittee shall submit to the District the opacity test results report in paper or electronic format within 60 days of completion of the field test. The opacity results shall include information regarding the charge rate during opacity observation. [District Rule 1081]
25. The operator shall keep records of all initial and annual opacity test results and reports onsite in either paper copy or electronic format for at least 5 years. [District Rule 1070]
26. The permittee shall maintain daily and cumulative annual records of the tons of waste material burned in the air curtain incinerator. [District Rule 1070]
27. All records shall be maintained and retained on-site for a period of at least 5 years and shall be made available for District inspection upon request. [District Rule 1070]

**AVISO DE DECISIÓN FINAL
PARA LA OTORGACIÓN DE UN PERMISO DE
AUTORIDAD PARA CONSTRUIR**

POR EL PRESENTE SE NOTIFICA que el Director Ejecutivo del Distrito del Aire ha otorgado permisos de Autoridad para Construir a South Valley Almond Co LLC para la instalación de un nuevo incinerador de cortina de aire transportable, en 15443 Beech Avenue in Wasco, CA.

Todos los comentarios que se recibieron siguiendo la decisión preliminar en este proyecto fueron considerados.

Los comentarios recibidos por el Distrito durante el periodo del aviso público resultaron en cambios menores. Estos cambios fueron menores y no provocaron requisitos adicionales de aviso público, ni tuvieron un impacto sobre la determinación de Mejor Tecnología de Control Disponible o en la cantidad de compensaciones requeridas para la aprobación de este proyecto.

La revisión de la solicitud del Proyecto # S-1224423 está disponible para la inspección del público en http://www.valleyair.org/notices/public_notices_idx.htm, en el DISTRITO PARA EL CONTROL DE LA CONTAMINACIÓN DEL AIRE DEL VALLE DE SAN JOAQUIN, 34946 FLYOVER COURT, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93308, y en cualquiera de las oficinas del Distrito. Para más información en Español, por favor comuníquese con el Distrito al (661) 392-5500.

**NOTICE OF FINAL ACTION
FOR THE ISSUANCE OF
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The application review for Project # S-1224423 is available for public inspection at http://www.valleyair.org/notices/public_notices_idx.htm, the SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY