San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District District Policy for Development of Best Performance Standards for Fruit and Vegetable Conveyor 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(CLFP), the District finds that the general category of "Fruit and Vegetable Conveyor Dryers" covers a diversity of products and specialized processes, making it impractical to establish a single Best Performance Standard (BPS) for this category of dryer.

Per the CLFP, the wide variations in actual products and processing operations would not support establishment of a single BPS for fruit and vegetable conveyor drying. The District's review of conveyor drying technology and of the potential variations in the application of the technology supports the position of the CLFP.

Based on the above statements, the District has placed the development of BPS for the general category of "Fruit and Vegetable Conveyor Dryers" on-hold. Rather than develop a Best Performance Standard for this general category of dryers, the District will address BPS for conveyor dryers on both a project-specific and product-specific basis.