



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Date: December 15, 2011

From: San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District
1990 East Gettysburg
Fresno, CA 93726

To: County Clerk/Recorder
c/o Kings County Planning Department
1400 W. Lacey Blvd.
Hanford, CA 93230

Project Title: San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District Rule Development: Amendments to Rule 4682 (Polystyrene, Polyethylene, and Polypropylene Products Manufacturing)

Project Location - Specific: Not Applicable

Project Location - City: All cities within the San Joaquin Valley Air Basin (SJVAB)

Project Location - County: All counties in the San Joaquin Valley Air Basin (SJVAB): Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, and Tulare.

Description of Project: This is a rule development project to amend existing District 4682 (Polystyrene, Polyethylene, and Polypropylene Products Manufacturing). The proposed project includes the following administrative amendments: Section 3.0, remove and add definitions; and Section 5.3.1, to bifurcate the requirements for extrusion and expandable polystyrene molding facilities; proposed Section 5.2.2 (which will apply to extrusion facilities) proposes to maintain the 2.4 pounds of VOC per 100 pounds of throughput limit, calculated monthly and Section 5.2.3 (for EPS facilities), proposes a daily limit of 3.4 pounds of VOC per 100 pounds of throughput while maintaining the current monthly limit of 2.4 pounds of VOC per 100 pounds of throughput.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: San Joaquin Valley Unified APCD

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: San Joaquin Valley Unified APCD

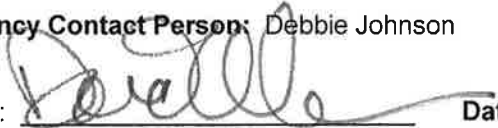
Exempt Status: (Check one)

- Ministerial: §21080(b)(1); 15268
- Declared Emergency: §21080(b)(3); 15269(a)
- Emergency Project: §21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c)
- Categorical Exemption: (State type and section number)
- Statutory Exemptions: (State Code number)
- General Exemption: Section 15061(b)(3)

Reasons Why Project is Exempt: The project is an amendment to existing District Rule 4682 (Polystyrene, Polyethylene, and Polypropylene Products Manufacturing). The amendments to Sections 3.0 and 5.3.1 are administrative. The District prepared a Staff Report, incorporated herein by reference and concludes that implementation of the proposed amendments would not result in foreseeable changes in existing operating practices impacting environmental resources. Thus, the District finds that the project is exempt per the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment (CCR §15061(b)(3)).

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