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Mark Ahlem  
Charles Ahlem Dairy  
23546 West American Avenue  
Hilmar, CA 95324

**RE: Notice of Final Action - Authority to Construct**  
**Facility Number: N-5660**  
**Project Number: N-1193363**

Dear Mr. Ahlem:

The Air Pollution Control Officer has issued the Authority to Construct permit to Charles Ahlem Dairy for the installation of an 896 horsepower diesel-fired emergency engine powering an electrical generator located at 23546 West American Avenue, Hilmar, 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](http://www.valleyair.org)).

Notice of the District's preliminary decision to issue the Authority to Construct permit was posted on January 7, 2020. The District's analysis of the proposal was also sent to CARB on January 8, 2020. No comments were received following the District's preliminary decision on this project.

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. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Nick Peirce at (209) 557-6400.

Sincerely,



Arnaud Marjollet  
Director of Permit Services

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Enclosures

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

**Samir Sheikh**  
Executive Director/Air Pollution Control Officer

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CHARLES AHLEM RANCH  
23546 W AMERICAN AVE  
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## **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. You may NOT operate your equipment until you have notified the District's Compliance Department. 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](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](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.**

**Samir Sheikh**

Executive Director/Air Pollution Control Officer

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## AUTHORITY TO CONSTRUCT

**PERMIT NO:** N-5660-8-0

**ISSUANCE DATE:** 03/02/2020

**LEGAL OWNER OR OPERATOR:** CHARLES AHLEM RANCH  
**MAILING ADDRESS:** 23546 W AMERICAN AVE  
HILMAR, CA 95324

**LOCATION:** 23546 W AMERICAN AVE  
HILMAR, CA 95324

**EQUIPMENT DESCRIPTION:**  
896 BHP MTU MODEL 12V1600GS80S DIESEL-FIRED (TIER 2 CERTIFIED) EMERGENCY ENGINE POWERING AN ELECTRICAL GENERATOR

### CONDITIONS

1. Upon presentation of appropriate credentials, a permittee shall allow an authorized representative of the District to enter the permittee's premises where a permitted source is located or emissions related activity is conducted, or where records must be kept under condition of the permit. [District Rule 1070]
2. Upon presentation of appropriate credentials, a permittee shall allow an authorized representative of the District to have access to and copy, at reasonable times, any records that must be kept under the conditions of the permit. [District Rule 1070]
3. This permit does not authorize the violation of any conditions established for this facility in the Conditional Use Permit (CUP), Special Use Permit (SUP), Site Approval, Site Plan Review (SPR), or other approval documents issued by a local, state, or federal agency. [Public Resources Code 21000-21177: California Environmental Quality Act]
4. No air contaminant shall be released into the atmosphere which causes a public nuisance. [District Rule 4102]
5. No air contaminant shall be discharged into the atmosphere for a period or periods aggregating more than three minutes in any one hour which is as dark as, or darker than, Ringelmann 1 or 20% opacity. [District Rule 4101]
6. Particulate matter emissions shall not exceed 0.1 grains/dscf in concentration. [District Rule 4201]
7. This IC engine shall only be used for the growing and harvesting of crops or the raising of fowl or animals for the primary purpose of making a profit, providing a livelihood, or conducting agricultural research or instruction by an educational institution. [District Rules 4701 and 4702, and 17 CCR 93115]

CONDITIONS CONTINUE ON NEXT PAGE

**YOU MUST NOTIFY THE DISTRICT COMPLIANCE DIVISION AT (209) 557-6400 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

Arnaud Marjolet, Director of Permit Services  
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8. Emissions from this IC engine shall not exceed any of the following limits: 4.37 g-NO<sub>x</sub>/bhp-hr, 0.90 g-CO/bhp-hr, or 0.21 g-VOC/bhp-hr. [District Rule 2201 and 17 CCR 93115]
9. Emissions from this IC engine shall not exceed 0.14 g-PM<sub>10</sub>/bhp-hr based on USEPA certification using ISO 8178 test procedure. [District Rules 2201 and 4102, and 17 CCR 93115]
10. This engine shall be equipped with a non-resettable hour meter with a minimum display capability of 9,999 hours, unless the District determines that a non-resettable hour meter with a different minimum display capability is appropriate in consideration of the historical use of the engine and the owner or operator's compliance history. [District Rule 4702 and 17 CCR 93115]
11. Only CARB certified diesel fuel containing not more than 0.0015% sulfur by weight is to be used. [District Rule 4801 and 17 CCR 93115]
12. This engine shall be operated and maintained in proper operating condition as recommended by the engine manufacturer or emissions control system supplier. [District Rule 4702]
13. During periods of operation for maintenance, testing, and required regulatory purposes, the permittee shall monitor the operational characteristics of the engine as recommended by the manufacturer or emission control system supplier (for example: check engine fluid levels, battery, cables and connections; change engine oil and filters; replace engine coolant; and/or other operational characteristics as recommended by the manufacturer or supplier). [District Rule 4702]
14. An emergency situation is an unscheduled electrical power outage caused by sudden and reasonably unforeseen natural disasters or sudden and reasonably unforeseen events beyond the control of the permittee. [District Rule 4702 and 17 CCR 93115]
15. This engine shall not be used to produce power for the electrical distribution system, as part of a voluntary utility demand reduction program, or for an interruptible power contract. [District Rule 4702 and 17 CCR 93115]
16. This engine shall be operated only for testing and maintenance of the engine, required regulatory purposes, and during emergency situations. Operation of the engine for maintenance, testing, and required regulatory purposes shall not exceed 50 hours per calendar year. [District Rules 2201, 4102, and 4702, and 17 CCR 93115]
17. The permittee shall maintain monthly records of emergency and non-emergency operation. Records shall include the number of hours of emergency operation, the date and number of hours of all testing and maintenance operations, the purpose of the operation (for example: load testing, weekly testing, rolling blackout, general area power outage, etc.) and records of operational characteristics monitoring. For units with automated testing systems, the operator may, as an alternative to keeping records of actual operation for testing purposes, maintain a readily accessible written record of the automated testing schedule. [District Rule 4702 and 17 CCR 93115]
18. The permittee shall maintain monthly records of the type of fuel purchased. [District Rule 4702 and 17 CCR 93115]
19. All records shall be maintained and retained on-site for a minimum of five (5) years, and shall be made available for District inspection upon request. [District Rule 4702 and 17 CCR 93115]