March 25, 2021

Mike Poelke  
Trio Petroleum LLC  
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Bakersfield, CA 93309

Re: Notice of Preliminary Decision - Authority to Construct  
Facility Number: S-9750  
Project Number: S-1210009

Dear Mr. Poelke:

Enclosed for your review and comment is the District's analysis of Trio Petroleum LLC’s application for an Authority to Construct for a transportable well test flare, at various unspecified locations within SJVAPCD.

The notice of preliminary decision for this project has been posted on the District’s website (www.valleyair.org). After addressing all comments made during the 30-day public notice period, the District intends to issue the Authority to Construct. Please submit your written comments on this project within the 30-day public comment period, as specified in the enclosed public notice.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mr. Thomas Aguirre of Permit Services at (661) 392-5613.

Sincerely,

Brian Clements  
Director of Permit Services

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Enclosures

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

Trio Petroleum LLC has requested an Authority to Construct (ATC) permit for the installation of a 62.5 MMBtu Mactronic well test flare. The flare will be operating at various unspecified locations in the SJVAPCD. The draft ATC is included in Appendix A.

II. Applicable Rules

- Rule 2201 New and Modified Stationary Source Review Rule (8/15/19)
- Rule 2410 Prevention of Significant Deterioration (6/16/11)
- Rule 4002 National Emissions Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (5/20/04)
- Rule 4101 Visible Emissions (2/17/05)
- Rule 4102 Nuisance (12/17/92)
- Rule 4201 Particulate Matter Concentration (12/17/92)
- Rule 4311 Flares (12/17/20)
- Rule 4801 Sulfur Compounds (12/17/92)
- CH&SC 41700 Health Risk Assessment
- CH&SC 42301.6 School Notice

Public Resources Code 21000-21177: California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)
California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, Sections 15000-15387: CEQA Guidelines

III. Project Location

The site is located on the southwest corner of Union Ave and Belle Terrace in Bakersfield, CA. The equipment is not located within 1,000 feet of the outer boundary of a K-12 school. Therefore,
the public notification requirement of California Health and Safety Code 42301.6 is not applicable to this project.

IV. Process Description

Trio Petroleum LLC is a small producer in the oil and gas industry. Produced fluids are received from the crude oil production wells in the area and sent through wash tanks for separation of oil and water. The produced water and oil are separated into different tanks. Then the oil is loaded into tanker trucks and carried to a facility for processing.

V. Equipment Listing

S-9750-1-0: 3" DIA. X 20 FT. TALL 62.5 MMBTU MACTRONIC WELL TEST FLARE WITH 316LSS FLARE TIP, MACTRONIC SLIP STREAM IGNITION CHAMBERS, MODEL G60 PILOT ASSIST ASSEMBLY, AND "MAC IGNITOR" MODEL G60 SOLAR POWERED IGNITION SYSTEM OPERATED AT VARIOUS UNSPECIFIED LOCATIONS

VI. Emission Control Technology Evaluation

Pursuant to Rule 2201, Section 4.1.1, Best Available Control Technology (BACT) is required for all criteria pollutants emitted by a new or modified emissions unit which results in an increase in emissions greater than 2 lbs/day, except for CO which must be greater than 2 lbs/day and have an SSPE2 greater or equal to 200,000 lb/yr.

“Emissions unit” is defined in Section 3.17 of Rule 2201 as “an identifiable operation or piece of process equipment such as a source operation which emits, may emit, or results in the emissions of any affected pollutant directly or as fugitive emissions.” In this case, the oil production well that produces the gas is the source operation, and the flare serves as an emission control device.

The well testing operation is expected to release a maximum of 1.0 MMsccf of gas per day. The gas must be disposed of after flow measurement to prevent a safety hazard from the release of volatile organic compounds (VOC) and hydrogen sulfide (H2S). H2S is a known hazardous air pollutant (HAP). The flare is expected to control VOC emissions by at least 99% over uncontrolled venting of the produced gas. H2S in the produced gas is expected to be entirely converted to SO2 during combustion.

Rule 1020, Section 3.46 excludes air pollution abatement operations from the definition of “source operation”. Since the well test flare is designed to control the VOC and H2S emissions from the well, the flare is considered an air pollution abatement operation and is exempt from the definition of emissions unit. Therefore, the well drilling and testing operation may be subject to BACT, but the control device selected as BACT is not.

As will be shown in Section VII, Calculations, BACT is required for VOC emissions from the well testing operation. H2S emissions are converted entirely to SO2 during incineration.
VII. General Calculations

A. Assumptions

- Maximum daily gas flow is 1.0 MMscf (applicant)
- Maximum yearly gas flow is 150 MMscf (applicant)
- Maximum operating time 150 days per year
- Higher heating value (HHV) of natural gas is 1,000 Btu/scf
- The flared natural gas will have a H$_2$S content no greater than 5 gr/100 scf
- VOC content of flared gas is unknown, assume molecular weight of 20 lb/lbmol, 5% by wt VOCs

To streamline emission calculations, PM2.5 emissions are assumed to be equal to PM10 emissions. Only if needed to determine if a project is a Federal major modification for PM2.5 will specific PM2.5 emission calculations be performed.

B. Emission Factors

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<tr>
<th>Pollutant</th>
<th>lb/MMBtu</th>
<th>Source</th>
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<tr>
<td>NO$_X$</td>
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<td>FYI 83 (AP-42, Industrial Flares, Table 13.5-1)</td>
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<tr>
<td>*SO$_X$</td>
<td>0.0143</td>
<td>Mass Balance Equation</td>
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<td>PM$_{10}$</td>
<td>0.008</td>
<td>FYI 83 (AP-42, Industrial Flares, Table 13.5-1)</td>
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<tr>
<td>CO</td>
<td>0.310</td>
<td>FYI 83 (AP-42, Industrial Flares, Table 13.5-1)</td>
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<td>VOC</td>
<td>0.056</td>
<td>FYI 83 (AP-42, Industrial Flares, Table 13.5-1)</td>
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* $\frac{5 \text{ gr} \cdot S}{100 \text{dscf}} \left( \frac{\text{dscf}}{1,000 \text{Btu}} \right) \left( \frac{10^6 \text{ Btu}}{\text{MMBtu}} \right) \left( \frac{1 \text{ lb}}{7,000 \text{ gr}} \right) \left( \frac{64 \text{ lb} \cdot \text{SO}_2}{32 \text{ lb} \cdot S} \right) \frac{0.0143 \text{ lb} \cdot \text{SO}_2}{\text{MMBtu}}$

C. Calculations

1. Pre-Project Potential to Emit (PE1)

Since this is a new emissions unit, PE1 = 0 for all pollutants.

2. Post-Project Potential to Emit (PE2)

The potential to emit for the boiler is calculated as follows, and summarized in the table below:

$$\text{PE2}_{\text{NO}_X} = (0.068 \text{ lb/MMBtu}) \times (62.5 \text{ MMBtu/hr}) \times (24 \text{ hr/day})$$
$$= 102 \text{ lb NO}_X/\text{day}$$
$$= (0.068 \text{ lb/MMBtu}) \times (62.5 \text{ MMBtu/hr}) \times (24 \text{ hr/day}) \times (150 \text{ day/year})$$
$$= 15,300 \text{ lb NO}_X/\text{year}$$
PE2_{SOx} = (0.0143 \text{ lb/MMBtu}) \times (62.5 \text{ MMBtu/hr}) \times (24 \text{ hr/day})
= 21.5 \text{ lb SOx/day}

= (0.0143 \text{ lb/MMBtu}) \times (62.5 \text{ MMBtu/hr}) \times (24 \text{ hr/day}) \times (150 \text{ day/year})
= 3,217 \text{ lb SOx/year}

PE2_{PM10} = (0.008 \text{ lb/MMBtu}) \times (62.5 \text{ MMBtu/hr}) \times (24 \text{ hr/day})
= 12 \text{ lb PM10/day}

= (0.008 \text{ lb/MMBtu}) \times (62.5 \text{ MMBtu/hr}) \times (24 \text{ hr/day}) \times (150 \text{ day/year})
= 1,800 \text{ lb PM10/year}

PE2_{CO} = (0.310 \text{ lb/MMBtu}) \times (62.5 \text{ MMBtu/hr}) \times (24 \text{ hr/day})
= 465 \text{ lb CO/day}

= (0.310 \text{ lb/MMBtu}) \times (62.5 \text{ MMBtu/hr}) \times (24 \text{ hr/day}) \times (150 \text{ day/year})
= 69,750 \text{ lb CO/year}

PE2_{VOC} = (0.056 \text{ lb/MMBtu}) \times (62.5 \text{ MMBtu/hr}) \times (24 \text{ hr/day})
= 84 \text{ lb VOC/day}

= (0.056 \text{ lb/MMBtu}) \times (62.5 \text{ MMBtu/hr}) \times (24 \text{ hr/day}) \times (150 \text{ day/year})
= 12,600 \text{ lb VOC/year}

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<th>Pollutant</th>
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<th>Annual Emissions (lb/year)</th>
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<td>21.5</td>
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<td>VOC</td>
<td>84</td>
<td>12,600</td>
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3. Pre-Project Stationary Source Potential to Emit (SSPE1)

Pursuant to District Rule 2201, the SSPE1 is the Potential to Emit (PE) from all units with valid Authorities to Construct (ATC) or Permits to Operate (PTO) at the Stationary Source and the quantity of Emission Reduction Credits (ERC) which have been banked since September 19, 1991 for Actual Emissions Reductions (AER) that have occurred at the source, and which have not been used on-site.

Since this is a new facility, there are no valid ATCs, PTOs, or ERCs at the Stationary Source; therefore, the SSPE1 is equal to zero.
4. Post-Project Stationary Source Potential to Emit (SSPE2)

Pursuant to District Rule 2201, the SSPE2 is the PE from all units with valid ATCs or PTOs at the Stationary Source and the quantity of ERCs which have been banked since September 19, 1991 for AER that have occurred at the source, and which have not been used on-site.

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<th>SSPE2 (lb/year)</th>
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<td>S-9750-1-0 (new)</td>
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<td>SSPE2</td>
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5. Major Source Determination

**Rule 2201 Major Source Determination:**

Pursuant to District Rule 2201, a Major Source is a stationary source with a SSPE2 equal to or exceeding one or more of the following threshold values. For the purposes of determining major source status the following shall not be included:

- any ERCs associated with the stationary source
- Emissions from non-road IC engines (i.e. IC engines at a particular site at the facility for less than 12 months), pursuant to the Clean Air Act, Title 3, Section 302, US Codes 7602(j) and (z)
- Fugitive emissions, except for the specific source categories specified in 40 CFR 70.2

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<th>Rule 2201 Major Source Determination (lb/year)</th>
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<td>NOx</td>
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<tr>
<td>SSPE1</td>
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<td>SSPE2</td>
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<tr>
<td>Major Source Threshold</td>
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Note: PM2.5 assumed to be equal to PM10

As seen in the table above, the facility is not an existing Major Source and is not becoming a Major Source as a result of this project.
**Rule 2410 Major Source Determination:**

As shown above, the facility is not an existing PSD major source for any regulated NSR pollutant expected to be emitted at this facility.

6. **Baseline Emissions (BE)**

The BE calculation (in lb/year) is performed pollutant-by-pollutant for each unit within the project to calculate the QNEC, and if applicable, to determine the amount of offsets required.

Pursuant to District Rule 2201, BE = PE1 for:
- Any unit located at a non-Major Source,
- Any Highly-Utilized Emissions Unit, located at a Major Source,
- Any Fully-Offset Emissions Unit, located at a Major Source, or
- Any Clean Emissions Unit, located at a Major Source.

otherwise,

BE = Historic Actual Emissions (HAE), calculated pursuant to District Rule 2201.

As shown in Section VII.C.5 above, the facility is not a Major Source for any pollutant.

Therefore BE = PE1.

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Since this is a new emissions unit, BE = PE1 = 0 for all pollutants.

7. **SB 288 Major Modification**

40 CFR Part 51.165 defines a SB 288 Major Modification as any physical change in or change in the method of operation of a major stationary source that would result in a significant net emissions increase of any pollutant subject to regulation under the Act.

Since this facility is not a major source for any of the pollutants addressed in this project, this project does not constitute an SB 288 major modification and no further discussion is required.

8. **Federal Major Modification / New Major Source**

**Federal Major Modification**

District Rule 2201 states that a Federal Major Modification is the same as a “Major Modification” as defined in 40 CFR 51.165 and part D of Title I of the CAA.
As defined in 40 CFR 51.165, Section (a)(1)(v) and part D of Title I of the CAA, a Federal Major Modification is any physical change in or change in the method of operation of a major stationary source that would result in a significant net emissions increase of any pollutant subject to regulation under the Act. The significant net emission increase threshold for each criteria pollutant is included in Rule 2201.

Since this facility is not a Major Source for any pollutants, this project does not constitute a Federal Major Modification and no further discussion is required.

9. Rule 2410 – Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) Applicability Determination

Rule 2410 applies to any pollutant regulated under the Clean Air Act, except those for which the District has been classified nonattainment. The pollutants which must be addressed in the PSD applicability determination for sources located in the SJV and which are emitted in this project are: (See 52.21 (b) (23) definition of significant)

- NO2 (as a primary pollutant)
- SO2 (as a primary pollutant)
- CO
- PM
- PM10

I. Project Emissions Increase - New Major Source Determination

The post-project potentials to emit from all new and modified units are compared to the PSD major source thresholds to determine if the project constitutes a new major source subject to PSD requirements.

The facility or the equipment evaluated under this project is not listed as one of the categories specified in 40 CFR 52.21 (b)(1)(i). The PSD Major Source threshold is 250 tpy for any regulated NSR pollutant.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>PSD Major Source Determination: Potential to Emit (tons/year)</th>
<th>NO2</th>
<th>VOC</th>
<th>SO2</th>
<th>CO</th>
<th>PM</th>
<th>PM10</th>
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<td>Total PE from New and Modified Units</td>
<td>7.7</td>
<td>6.3</td>
<td>1.6</td>
<td>34.8</td>
<td>0.9</td>
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<td>PSD Major Source threshold</td>
<td>250</td>
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<td>New PSD Major Source?</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>No</td>
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As shown in the table above, the potential to emit for the project, by itself, does not exceed any PSD major source threshold. Therefore Rule 2410 is not applicable and no further analysis is required.

10. Quarterly Net Emissions Change (QNEC)

The QNEC is calculated solely to establish emissions that are used to complete the District’s PAS emissions profile screen. Detailed QNEC calculations are included in Appendix F.

VIII. Compliance Determination

Rule 2201 New and Modified Stationary Source Review Rule

A. Best Available Control Technology (BACT)

1. BACT Applicability

Pursuant to District Rule 2201, Section 4.1, BACT requirements are triggered on a pollutant-by-pollutant basis and on an emissions unit-by-emissions unit basis. Unless specifically exempted by Rule 2201, BACT shall be required for the following actions*:

a. Any new emissions unit with a potential to emit exceeding two pounds per day,
b. The relocation from one Stationary Source to another of an existing emissions unit with a potential to emit exceeding two pounds per day,
c. Modifications to an existing emissions unit with a valid Permit to Operate resulting in an Adjusted Increase in Permitted Emissions (AIPE) exceeding two pounds per day, and/or
d. Any new or modified emissions unit, in a stationary source project, which results in an SB 288 Major Modification or a Federal Major Modification, as defined by the rule.

*Except for CO emissions from a new or modified emissions unit at a Stationary Source with an SSPE2 of less than 200,000 pounds per year of CO.

a. New emissions units – PE > 2 lb/day

As seen in Section VII.C.2 above, the applicant is proposing to install a new natural gas-fired flare with a PE greater than 2 lb/day for NO\textsubscript{x}, SO\textsubscript{x}, PM\textsubscript{10}, CO, and VOC. BACT is triggered for NO\textsubscript{x}, SO\textsubscript{x}, PM\textsubscript{10}, and VOC only since the PEs are greater than 2 lb/day. However BACT is not triggered for CO since the SSPE2 for CO is not greater than 200,000 lb/year, as demonstrated in Section VII.C.5 above.

b. Relocation of emissions units – PE > 2 lb/day

As discussed in Section I above, there are no emissions units being relocated from one stationary source to another; therefore BACT is not triggered.
c. Modification of emissions units – AIPE > 2 lb/day

As discussed in Section I above, there are no modified emissions units associated with this project. Therefore BACT is not triggered.

d. SB 288/Federal Major Modification

As discussed in Sections VII.C.7 and VII.C.8 above, this project does not constitute an SB 288 and/or Federal Major Modification for any pollutant. Therefore BACT is not triggered for any pollutant.

2. BACT guideline

All BACT guidelines for flares have been rescinded. As such there is no applicable BACT guideline. A project specific BACT analysis must be performed.

3. Top-Down BACT Analysis

Per Permit Services Policies and Procedures for BACT, a Top-Down BACT analysis shall be performed as a part of the application review for each application subject to the BACT requirements pursuant to the District’s NSR Rule.

Pursuant to the attached Top-Down BACT Analysis (see Appendix B), BACT has been satisfied with the following:

VOC: The flare operates smokelessly limited to visible emissions less than 5% opacity except for a period or periods aggregating three minutes or less in any one hour.

B. Offsets

1. Offset Applicability

Pursuant to District Rule 2201, Section 4.5, offset requirements shall be triggered on a pollutant by pollutant basis and shall be required if the SSPE2 equals or exceeds the offset threshold levels in Table 4-1 of Rule 2201. The SSPE2 is compared to the offset thresholds in the following table:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Offset Determination (lb/year)</th>
<th>NOx</th>
<th>SOx</th>
<th>PM10</th>
<th>CO</th>
<th>VOC</th>
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<tr>
<td>SSPE2</td>
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<td>3,217</td>
<td>1,800</td>
<td>69,750</td>
<td>12,600</td>
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<tr>
<td>Offset Thresholds</td>
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<td>54,750</td>
<td>29,200</td>
<td>200,000</td>
<td>20,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>Offsets Triggered?</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>No</td>
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</table>
2. **Quantity of District Offsets Required**

As discussed above, the SSPE2 is not greater than the offset thresholds for all pollutants, therefore District offsets are not triggered. In addition, as demonstrated above, this project does not trigger Federal Major Modification or New Major Source requirements. In conclusion, offsets will not be required for this project and no further discussion is required.

C. **Public Notification**

1. **Applicability**

Pursuant to District Rule 2201, Section 5.4, public noticing is required for:

   a. New Major Sources, Federal Major Modifications, and SB 288 Major Modifications,
   b. Any new emissions unit with a Potential to Emit greater than 100 pounds during any one day for any one pollutant,
   c. Any project which results in the offset thresholds being surpassed,
   d. Any project with an SSPE of greater than 20,000 lb/year for any pollutant, and/or
   e. Any project which results in a Title V significant permit modification

   **a. New Major Sources, Federal Major Modifications, and SB 288 Major Modifications**

   As shown in Section VII.C.5 above, this existing minor source facility is not becoming a Major Source as a result of this project. Therefore, this facility is not a New Major Source and this project does not constitute an SB 288 or a Federal Major Modification. Consequently, public noticing for this project for New Major Source, Federal Major Modification, or SB 288 Major Modification purposes is not required.

   **b. PE > 100 lb/day**

   The PE2 for this new unit is compared to the daily PE Public Notice thresholds in the following table:

<table>
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<tr>
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<th>PE2 (lb/day)</th>
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<td>100 lb/day</td>
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<tr>
<td>SOX</td>
<td>21.5</td>
<td>100 lb/day</td>
<td>No</td>
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<tr>
<td>PM10</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>100 lb/day</td>
<td>No</td>
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<tr>
<td>CO</td>
<td>465</td>
<td>100 lb/day</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>VOC</td>
<td>84</td>
<td>100 lb/day</td>
<td>No</td>
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Therefore, public noticing for PE > 100 lb/day purposes is required.

c. Offset Threshold

Public notification is required if the pre-project Stationary Source Potential to Emit (SSPE1) is increased to a level exceeding the offset threshold levels. The following table compares the SSPE1 with the SSPE2 in order to determine if any offset thresholds have been surpassed with this project.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Pollutant</th>
<th>SSPE1 (lb/year)</th>
<th>SSPE2 (lb/year)</th>
<th>Offset Threshold</th>
<th>Public Notice Required?</th>
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<tr>
<td>NOx</td>
<td>0</td>
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<td>SOx</td>
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<td>3,217</td>
<td>54,750 lb/year</td>
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<td>PM10</td>
<td>0</td>
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<td>VOC</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>12,600</td>
<td>20,000 lb/year</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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As demonstrated above, there were no thresholds surpassed with this project; therefore public noticing is not required for offset purposes.

d. SSIPE > 20,000 lb/year

Public notification is required for any permitting action that results in a SSIPE of more than 20,000 lb/year of any affected pollutant. According to District policy, the SSIPE = SSPE2 − SSPE1. The SSIPE is compared to the SSIPE Public Notice thresholds in the following table.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Pollutant</th>
<th>SSPE2 (lb/year)</th>
<th>SSPE1 (lb/year)</th>
<th>SSIPE (lb/year)</th>
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As demonstrated above, the SSIPEs for CO were greater than 20,000 lb/year; therefore public noticing for SSIPE purposes is required.
e. Title V Significant Permit Modification

Since this facility does not have a Title V operating permit, this change is not a Title V significant Modification, and therefore public noticing is not required.

2. Public Notice Action

As discussed above, public noticing is required for this project for NOx emissions in excess of 100 lb/day. Therefore, public notice documents will be submitted to the California Air Resources Board (CARB) and a public notice will be electronically published on the District’s website prior to the issuance of the ATC for this equipment.

D. Daily Emission Limits (DELs)

DELs and other enforceable conditions are required by Rule 2201 to restrict a unit’s maximum daily emissions, to a level at or below the emissions associated with the maximum design capacity. The DEL must be contained in the latest ATC and contained in or enforced by the latest PTO and enforceable, in a practicable manner, on a daily basis. DELs are also required to enforce the applicability of BACT.

For the well test flares, the DEL’s are stated in the form of emission factors (lb/MMBtu), the heating value of the waste gas and the maximum allowable amount of waste gas flared per day.

**Proposed Rule 2201 (DEL) Conditions:**

- Emission rates from this unit shall not exceed any of the following limits: NOx (as NO2) – 0.068 lb/MMBtu; VOC (as methane) - 0.056 lb/MMBtu; CO – 0.310 lb/MMBtu; PM10 - 0.008 lb/MMBtu; or SOx (as SO2) - 0.0143 lb/MMBtu. [District Rule 2201]
- Daily and annual amounts of gas flared in well testing operations shall not exceed 1.0 MMscf/day and 150 MMscf/yr. [District Rule 2201]
- Sulfur compound concentration of gas flared shall not exceed 5 gr/100 scf (85 ppmv). [District Rules 2201 and 4801]

E. Compliance Assurance

1. Source Testing

The following testing condition is included on the proposed ATC:

- Permittee shall document compliance with well gas sulfur compound concentration limit by performing sulfur content analysis of well gas upon startup at each new location of operation of flare. [District Rule 2201]
2. Monitoring

The following monitoring condition is included:

- Permittee shall inspect the flare in operation for visible emissions no less frequently than once every two weeks. If visible emissions are observed, corrective action shall be taken. If visible emissions persist, an EPA Method 9 test shall be performed within 72 hours. [District Rule 2201] N

3. Recordkeeping

Recordkeeping is required to demonstrate compliance with the offset, public notification and daily emission limit requirements of Rule 2201. The following condition(s) are listed on the permit to operate:

- Permittee shall maintain accurate daily records indicating flare location, flared gas sulfur content at each location, and daily and annual rates of gas flared; and such records shall be made readily available for District inspection upon request for a minimum of 5 years. [District Rule 2201] N

4. Reporting

No reporting for this facility will be required at this time.

F. Ambient Air Quality Analysis (AAQA)

Section 4.14 of District Rule 2201 requires that an AAQA be conducted for the purpose of determining whether a new or modified Stationary Source will cause or make worse a violation of an air quality standard. The District’s Technical Services Division conducted the required analysis. Refer to Appendix C of this document for the AAQA summary sheet.

The proposed location is in an attainment area for NOₓ, CO, and SOₓ. As shown by the AAQA summary sheet the proposed equipment will not cause a violation of an air quality standard for NOₓ, CO, or SOₓ.

The proposed location is in a non-attainment area for the state’s PM₁₀ as well as federal and state PM₂.₅ thresholds. As shown by the AAQA summary sheet the proposed equipment will not cause a violation of an air quality standard for PM₁₀ and PM₂.₅.

Rule 2410 Prevention of Significant Deterioration

As shown in Section VII.C.9 above, this project does not result in a new PSD major source or PSD major modification. No further discussion is required.
Rule 2520  Federally Mandated Operating Permits

Since this facility’s potential emissions do not exceed any major source thresholds of Rule 2201, this facility is not a major source, and Rule 2520 does not apply.

Rule 4001  New Source Performance Standards (NSPS)

This rule incorporates NSPS from Part 60, Chapter 1, Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR); and applies to all new sources of air pollution and modifications of existing sources of air pollution listed in 40 CFR Part 60. However, no subparts of 40 CFR Part 60 apply to well test flares.

Rule 4002  National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAPs)

This rule incorporates NESHAPs from Part 61, Chapter I, Subchapter C, Title 40, CFR and the NESHAPs from Part 63, Chapter I, Subchapter C, Title 40, CFR; and applies to all sources of hazardous air pollution listed in 40 CFR Part 61 or 40 CFR Part 63. However, no subparts of 40 CFR Part 61 or 40 CFR Part 63 apply to well test flare operations.

Rule 4101  Visible Emissions

Rule 4101 requires that no person shall discharge into the atmosphere emissions of any air contaminant aggregating more than 3 minutes in any hour which is as dark as or darker than Ringelmann 1 (or 20% opacity). Per FYI 83, when BACT is required for PM$_{10}$ the visible emissions will be limited to less than Ringelmann ¼ and less than 5% opacity. As long as the flaring system (with air assist) is operating correctly, compliance with this rule is expected.

Rule 4102  Nuisance

Rule 4102 prohibits discharge of air contaminants which could cause injury, detriment, nuisance or annoyance to the public. Public nuisance conditions are not expected as a result of these operations, provided the equipment is well maintained. Therefore, compliance with this rule is expected.

California Health & Safety Code 41700 (Health Risk Assessment)

District Policy APR 1905 – Risk Management Policy for Permitting New and Modified Sources specifies that for an increase in emissions associated with a proposed new source or modification, the District perform an analysis to determine the possible impact to the nearest resident or worksite.

District policy APR 1905 also specifies that the increase in emissions associated with a proposed new source or modification of an existing source shall not result in an increase in cancer risk greater than the District’s significance level (20 in a million) and shall not result in acute and/or chronic risk indices greater than 1.
According to the Technical Services Memo for this project, the total facility prioritization score including this project was greater than one. Therefore, an HRA was required to determine the short-term acute and long-term chronic exposure from this project.

The resulting prioritization score, acute hazard index, chronic hazard index, and cancer risk for this project is shown below.

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**Discussion of T-BACT**

BACT for toxic emission control (T-BACT) is required if the cancer risk exceeds one in one million. As demonstrated above, T-BACT is not required for this project because the HRA indicates that the risk is not above the District’s thresholds for triggering T-BACT requirements; therefore, compliance with the District’s Risk Management Policy is expected.

In accordance with District policy APR 1905, no further analysis is required, and compliance with District Rule 4102 requirements is expected.

See Appendix C: Health Risk Assessment Summary

The following permit conditions are required to ensure compliance with the assumptions made for the risk management review:

- Unit -1-0: 3" DIA. X 20 FT. TALL 62.5 MMBTU MACTRONIC WELL TEST FLARE WITH 316LSS FLARE TIP, MACTRONIC SLIP STREAM IGNITION CHAMBERS, MODEL G60 PILOT ASSIST ASSEMBLY, AND "MAC IGNITOR" MODEL G60 SOLAR POWERED IGNITION SYSTEM OPERATED AT VARIOUS UNSPECIFIED LOCATIONS
- THE PROJECT WILL ONLY OPERATE FOR ONE YEAR AT ANY ONE LOCATION.

**Rule 4201 Particulate Matter Concentration**

Section 3.1 prohibits discharge of dust, fumes, or total particulate matter into the atmosphere from any single source operation in excess of 0.1 grain per dry standard cubic foot. For natural gas the EPA F-factor (adjusted to 60°F) is 8710 dscf/MMBtu.

PM$_{10}$ Emission Factor: 0.008 lb-PM$_{10}$/MMBtu
Percentage of PM as PM$_{10}$ in Exhaust: 100%
Exhaust Oxygen (O₂) Concentration: 3%
Excess Air Correction to F Factor = \( \frac{20.9}{20.9 - 3} \) = 1.17

\[ GL = \left( \frac{0.008 \text{ lb} - \text{PM}}{\text{MMBtu}} \times \frac{7,000 \text{ grain}}{\text{lb} - \text{PM}} \right) \div \left( \frac{8,710 \text{ ft}^3}{\text{MMBtu}} \times 1.17 \right) \]

\[ GL = 0.0055 \text{ grain/dscf} < 0.1 \text{ grain/dscf} \]

**Rule 4311 Flares**

This rule limits VOC and NOx emissions from flares. Section 4.3 exempts well test flares from the rule. Therefore, the facility is exempt from all requirements, no further discussion is required.

**California Health & Safety Code 42301.6 (School Notice)**

The District has verified that this site is not located within 1,000 feet of a school. Therefore, pursuant to California Health and Safety Code 42301.6, a school notice is not required.

**California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)**

CEQA requires each public agency to adopt objectives, criteria, and specific procedures consistent with CEQA Statutes and the CEQA Guidelines for administering its responsibilities under CEQA, including the orderly evaluation of projects and preparation of environmental documents. The District adopted its *Environmental Review Guidelines* (ERG) in 2001. The basic purposes of CEQA are to:

- Inform governmental decision-makers and the public about the potential, significant environmental effects of proposed activities;
- Identify the ways that environmental damage can be avoided or significantly reduced;
- Prevent significant, avoidable damage to the environment by requiring changes in projects through the use of alternatives or mitigation measures when the governmental agency finds the changes to be feasible; and
- Disclose to the public the reasons why a governmental agency approved the project in the manner the agency chose if significant environmental effects are involved.

**Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Significance Determination**

**District is a Lead Agency and Project not Covered Under Cap-and-Trade**

It is determined that no other agency has or will prepare an environmental review document for the project. Thus the District is the Lead Agency for this project.

The District’s engineering evaluation (this document) demonstrates that the project would not result in an increase in project specific greenhouse gas emissions. The District
therefore concludes that the project would have a less than cumulatively significant impact on global climate change.

**District CEQA Findings**

The District is a Responsible Agency for the project because of its discretionary approval power over the project via its Permits Rule (Rule 2010) and New Source Review Rule (Rule 2201), (CEQA Guidelines §15381). The District’s engineering evaluation of the project (this document) demonstrates that compliance with District rules and permit conditions would reduce Stationary Source emissions from the project to levels below the District’s significance thresholds for criteria pollutants. The District has determined that no additional findings are required (CEQA Guidelines §15096(h)).

**Indemnification Agreement/Letter of Credit Determination**

According to District Policy APR 2010 (CEQA Implementation Policy), when the District is the Lead or Responsible Agency for CEQA purposes, an indemnification agreement and/or a letter of credit may be required. The decision to require an indemnity agreement and/or a letter of credit is based on a case-by-case analysis of a particular project’s potential for litigation risk, which in turn may be based on a project’s potential to generate public concern, its potential for significant impacts, and the project proponent’s ability to pay for the costs of litigation without a letter of credit, among other factors.

The criteria pollutant emissions and toxic air contaminant emissions associated with the proposed project are not significant, and there is minimal potential for public concern for this particular type of facility/operation. Therefore, an Indemnification Agreement and/or a Letter of Credit will not be required for this project in the absence of expressed public concern.

**IX. Recommendation**

Compliance with all applicable rules and regulations is expected. Pending a successful NSR Public Noticing period, issue ATC S-9750-1-0 subject to the permit conditions on the attached draft ATC in Appendix A.

**X. Billing Information**

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Appendixes

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APPENDIX A
Draft ATC
San Joaquin Valley
Air Pollution Control District

AUTHORITY TO CONSTRUCT

PERMIT NO: S-9750-1-0

LEGAL OWNER OR OPERATOR: TRIO PETROLEUM LLC
MAILING ADDRESS: 5401 BUSINESS PARK S STE 115
BAKERSFIELD, CA 93309-0713

LOCATION: VARIOUS UNSPECIFIED

EQUIPMENT DESCRIPTION:
3" DIA. X 20 FT. TALL 62.5 MMBTU MACTRONIC WELL TEST FLARE WITH 316LSS FLARE TIP, MACTRONIC SLIP STREAM IGNITION CHAMBERS, MODEL G60 PILOT ASSIST ASSEMBLY, AND "MAC IGNITOR" MODEL G60 SOLAR POWERED IGNITION SYSTEM OPERATED AT VARIOUS UNSPECIFIED LOCATIONS

CONDITIONS

1. The flare shall not be located within 1000 ft. of any K-12 school. [CH&SC 42301.6]
2. Flare shall only be used to combust gas released during well testing. [District Rule 2201]
3. No air contaminant shall be released into the atmosphere which causes a public nuisance. [District Rule 4102]
4. Operation at any specific location by this unit shall not exceed 1 year. [District Rule 4102]
5. The unit must not be located and operated at an existing facility or operation such that it becomes part of an existing stationary source as defined by District Rule 2201. [District Rule 2201]
6. 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 5% opacity. [District Rules 2201 and 4101]
7. Flare shall be equipped with operational automatic re-ignition provisions. [District Rule 2201]
8. Gas line to flare shall be equipped with an operational volumetric flow rate indicator. [District Rule 2201]
9. Daily and annual amounts of gas flared shall not exceed 1.0 MMscf/day nor 150 MMscf/yr. [District Rules 2201 and 4102]
10. Sulfur compound concentration of gas flared shall not exceed 5 gr/100 scf (85 ppmv). [District Rules 2201 and 4801]

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
11. Emission rates from this unit shall not exceed any of the following limits: NOx (as NO2) - 0.068 lb/MMBtu; VOC (as methane) - 0.056 lb/MMBtu; CO - 0.310 lb/MMBtu; PM10 - 0.008 lb/MMBtu; or SOx (as SO2) - 0.0143 lb/MMBtu. [District Rules 2201, 4201, and 4801]

12. The flare shall be operated according to the manufacturer's specifications, a copy of which shall be maintained on site. [District Rule 2201]

13. Permittee shall inspect the flare in operation for visible emissions no less frequently than once every two weeks. If visible emissions are observed, corrective action shall be taken. If visible emissions persist, an EPA Method 9 test shall be performed within 72 hours. [District Rule 2201]

14. Permittee shall document compliance with well gas sulfur compound concentration limit by performing sulfur content analysis of well gas upon startup at each new location of operation of flare. [District Rule 2201]

15. The following test methods shall be used for well gas sulfur content: ASTM D3246 or double GC for H2S and mercaptan. [District Rule 1081]

16. Permittee shall maintain accurate daily records indicating flare location, flared gas sulfur content at each location, and daily and annual rates of gas flared; and such records shall be made readily available for District inspection upon request for a minimum of 5 years. [District Rules 2201 and 4311]
APPENDIX B
Top Down BACT Analysis
Top Down BACT Analysis

All current BACT guidelines for flares have been rescinded. Therefore, a project specific BACT analysis will be performed for this project.

1. BACT Analyses for VOCs:
   
a. Step 1 - Identify all control technologies

An open flare with smokeless combustion and visible emissions less than 5% opacity, except for a period or periods aggregating three minutes or less in any one hour (99% control efficiency)

Enclosed low NOx flares capable of achieving 99% control of VOC emissions and NOx emissions of 15 ppmv @ 3% O2 (99% control efficiency and NOx emissions < 15 ppmv @ 3% O2).

b. Step 2 - Eliminate technologically infeasible options

Enclosed low NOx flares capable of achieving 99% control of VOC emissions and NOx emissions of 15 ppmv @ 3% O2 are not technically feasible to control well drilling and testing operations due to:
1) The highly variable nature of gas generated from a well drilling and testing operation are not suitable to combustion in an enclosed low NOx flare, as such flares require a steady flow of gas to operate properly, and
2) Low NOx flares are not inherently portable, as the equipment requires a large foundation, and equipment to control the air flow into the flare, temperature controls, etc.,

c. Step 3 - Rank remaining options by control effectiveness

Smokeless combustion with visible emissions less than 5% opacity, except for a period or periods aggregating three minutes or less in any one hour (99% control efficiency)

d. Step 4 - Cost effectiveness analysis

Because the applicant is proposing the one listed control technology listed Step 3 above, a cost effectiveness analysis is not required.

e. Step 5 - Select BACT

An open flare with smokeless combustion and visible emissions less than 5% opacity, except for a period or periods aggregating three minutes or less in any one hour (99% control efficiency). BACT is satisfied.
APPENDIX C
HRA Summary and AAQA
1. Summary

1.1 RMR

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Notes:
1. Results were taken from the attached AAQA Report.
2. The criteria pollutants are below EPA’s level of significance as found in 40 CFR Part 51.165 (b)(2) unless otherwise noted below.
3. Modeled PM10 concentrations were below the District SIL for non-fugitive sources of 5 μg/m³ for the 24-hour average concentration and 1 μg/m³ for the annual concentration.
4. Modeled PM2.5 concentrations were below the District SIL for non-fugitive sources of 1.2 μg/m³ for the 24-hour average concentration and 0.2 μg/m³ for the annual concentration.
To ensure that human health risks will not exceed District allowable levels; the following shall be included as requirements for:

**Unit # 1-0**

1. The life of this project shall not exceed one (1) year combined at any one location.
2. The exhaust stack shall vent vertically upward. The vertical exhaust flow shall not be impeded by a rain cap (flapper ok), roof overhang, or any other obstruction.

**2. Project Description**

Technical Services received a request on February 22, 2021 to perform a Risk Management Review (RMR) and Ambient Air Quality Analysis (AAQA) for the following:

- Unit -1-0: 3" DIA. X 20 FT. TALL 62.5 MMBTU MACTRONIC WELL TEST FLARE WITH 316LSS FLARE TIP, MACTRONIC SLIP STREAM IGNITION CHAMBERS, MODEL G60 PILOT ASSIST ASSEMBLY, AND "MAC IGNITOR" MODEL G60 SOLAR POWERED IGNITION SYSTEM OPERATED AT VARIOUS UNSPECIFIED LOCATIONS
- THE PROJECT WILL ONLY OPERATE FOR ONE YEAR AT ANY ONE LOCATION.

**3. RMR Report**

**3.1 Analysis**

The District performed an analysis pursuant to the District’s Risk Management Policy for Permitting New and Modified Sources (APR 1905, May 28, 2015) to determine the possible cancer and non-cancer health impact to the nearest resident or worksite. This policy requires that an assessment be performed on a unit by unit basis, project basis, and on a facility-wide basis. If a preliminary prioritization analysis demonstrates that:

- A unit’s prioritization score is less than the District’s significance threshold and;
- The project’s prioritization score is less than the District’s significance threshold and;
- The facility’s total prioritization score is less than the District’s significance threshold

Then, generally no further analysis is required.

The District’s significant prioritization score threshold is defined as being equal to or greater than 1.0. If a preliminary analysis demonstrates that either the unit(s) or the project’s or the facility’s total prioritization score is greater than the District threshold, a screening or a refined assessment is required

If a refined assessment is greater than one in a million but less than 20 in one million for carcinogenic impacts (Cancer Risk) and less than 1.0 for the Acute and Chronic hazard indices (Non-Carcinogenic) on a unit by unit basis, project basis and on a facility-wide basis the proposed application is considered less than significant. For unit’s that exceed a cancer risk of 1 in one million, Toxic Best Available Control Technology (TBACT) must be implemented.

Toxic emissions for this project were calculated using the following methods:

- Toxic emissions for this proposed unit were calculated using 2001 Ventura County’s Air Pollution Control District’s emission factors for Natural Gas Fired external combustion and from a refinery gas composition analysis from the 2005 report FINAL REPORT Test of TDA's Direct Oxidation Process for Sulfur Recovery
These emissions were input into the San Joaquin Valley APCD’s Hazard Assessment and Reporting Program (SHARP). In accordance with the District’s Risk Management Policy, risks from the proposed unit’s toxic emissions were prioritized using the procedure in the 2016 CAPCOA Facility Prioritization Guidelines. The prioritization score for this proposed facility was greater than 1.0 (see RMR Summary Table). Therefore, a refined health risk assessment was required.

The AERMOD model was used, with the parameters outlined below and meteorological data for 2013-2017 from Hanford (rural dispersion coefficient selected) to determine the dispersion factors (i.e., the predicted concentration or X divided by the normalized source strength or Q) for a receptor grid. These dispersion factors were input into the SHARP Program, which then used the Air Dispersion Modeling and Risk Tool (ADMRT) of the Hot Spots Analysis and Reporting Program Version 2 (HARP 2) to calculate the chronic and acute hazard indices and the carcinogenic risk for the project.

The following parameters were used for the review:

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4. AAQA Report

The District modeled the impact of the proposed project on the National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) and/or California Ambient Air Quality Standard (CAAQS) in accordance with District Policy APR-1925 (Policy for District Rule 2201 AAQA Modeling) and EPA’s Guideline for Air Quality Modeling (Appendix W of 40 CFR Part 51). The District uses a progressive three level approach to perform AAQAs. The first level (Level 1) uses a very conservative approach. If this analysis indicates a likely exceedance of an AAQS or Significant Impact Level (SIL), the analysis proceeds to the second level (Level 2) which implements a more refined approach. For the 1-hour NO₂ standard, there is also a third level that can be implemented if the Level 2 analysis indicates a likely exceedance of an AAQS or SIL.

The modeling analyses predicts the maximum air quality impacts using the appropriate emissions for each standard’s averaging period. Required model inputs for a refined AAQA include background ambient air quality data, land characteristics, meteorological inputs, a receptor grid, and source parameters including emissions. These inputs are described in the sections that follow.

Ambient air concentrations of criteria pollutants are recorded at monitoring stations throughout the San Joaquin Valley. Monitoring stations may not measure all necessary pollutants, so background data may need to be collected from multiple sources. The following stations were used for this evaluation:
Technical Services performed modeling for directly emitted criteria pollutants with the emission rates below:

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The AERMOD model was used to determine if emissions from the project would cause or contribute to an exceedance of any state of federal air quality standard. The parameters outlined below and meteorological data for 2013-2017 from Hanford (rural dispersion coefficient selected) were used for the analysis:

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5. Conclusion

5.1 RMR

The cumulative acute and chronic indices for this facility, including this project, are below 1.0; and the cumulative cancer risk for this facility, including this project, is less than 20 in a million. In addition, the cancer risk for each unit in this project is less than 1.0 in a million. In accordance with the District’s Risk Management Policy, the project is approved without Toxic Best Available Control Technology (T-BACT).

To ensure that human health risks will not exceed District allowable levels; the permit requirements listed on page 1 of this report must be included for this proposed unit.

These conclusions are based on the data provided by the applicant and the project engineer. Therefore, this analysis is valid only as long as the proposed data and parameters do not change.

5.2 AAQA

The emissions from the proposed equipment will not cause or contribute significantly to a violation of the State and National AAQS.

6. Attachments

A. Modeling request from the project engineer
B. Additional information from the applicant/project engineer
C. Prioritization score w/ toxic emissions summary
D. Facility Summary
E. AAQA results
APPENDIX D
Quarterly Net Emissions Change (QNEC)
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The Quarterly Net Emissions Change is used to complete the emission profile screen for the District’s PAS database. The QNEC shall be calculated as follows:

\[ \text{QNEC} = \text{PE2} - \text{PE1}, \]

where:

- \( \text{QNEC} \) = Quarterly Net Emissions Change for each emissions unit, lb/qtr.
- \( \text{PE2} \) = Post-Project Potential to Emit for each emissions unit, lb/qtr.
- \( \text{PE1} \) = Pre-Project Potential to Emit for each emissions unit, lb/qtr.

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