



San Joaquin Valley
Air Pollution Control District

PUBLIC NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

INITIAL STUDY/NEGATIVE DECLARATION

DATE: January 29, 2004

Project Title: Pacific Ethanol Facility

Project Location: Avenue 12, approx. 0.57 miles west of Road 32 in Madera County

Project Location - City: Nearest city is Madera

Project Location - County: Madera

Description of Project: Pacific Ethanol Inc. is a new facility applying for Authority to Construct (ATC) permits to build a new fuel-grade ethanol production facility located in Madera. Ethanol will be produced from the fermentation and distillation of corn. The maximum proposed capacity of the plant is 40 million gallons per year of undenaturated ethanol. The facility will process approximately 15.4 million bushels of corn per year, equivalent to 431,200 ton of corn per year.

The new ethanol production facility will be integrated with the existing grain process facility (ex-Coast Grain), therefore the SJVUAPCD will consider the entire facility (grain storage and process facility and ethanol production) as one single Stationary Source. Pacific Ethanol Inc. will use the existing equipment to store and supply grain to the ethanol production facility; and to process grain to cattle feed. This existing grain operation will be modified and operated to supply grain to the ethanol production operation. Therefore, for this project, the SJVUAPCD considers this grain process as a new operation.

A Project Description provided by the applicant is attached at the end of this Initial Study. A more comprehensive project/process description is also included at the end of this Initial Study. However, In order to protect the confidentiality of the particulars for this project, propriety information is not available for public review.

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Anyone interested in this matter is invited to comment on the document by written response on or before February 27, 2004