



San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District

PUBLIC NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY PROPOSED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

November 12, 2003

Project Title: San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District Amendments to the 2003 PM10 Plan

Project Location: All land within the boundaries of the San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District, including the entire counties and all the cities of Fresno, Kings, Madera, Merced, Tulare, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, and the San Joaquin Valley portion of Kern County

Description of Project:

The 2003 PM10 Plan (PM10 Plan) is the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District's (District) strategy for attaining federal PM10 standards. The PM10 Plan was approved by the District Governing Board on June 19, 2003 and by the California Air Resources Board (ARB) on June 26, 2003. During review of the PM10 Plan United States Environment Protection Agency (EPA) identified deficiencies that require action in the form of a plan amendment by the District to ensure final plan approval. In addition, the amendments include corrections and changes in response to some of the public comments received during the plan development process. The draft PM10 Plan Amendments provide the clarification and the additional analysis needed by EPA to complete its review. The PM10 Plan Amendments will become part of the State Implementation Plan (SIP) for the San Joaquin Valley after approval by the California Air Resources Board and the EPA.

The plan amendment applies to the following sections of the plan:

- Clarification and revision of control measure commitments contained in Chapter 4 of the 2003 PM10 Plan
 - Updates to Chapter 4 to reflect progress in adopting control measures and minor corrections
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 - Rule 4101 – Visible Emissions
 - Rule 4701 – Internal Combustion Engines
 - Regulation VIII Fugitive PM10 Prohibitions
- Conformity trading mechanism clarification
- Analysis verifying that the proposed amendments meet BACM requirements and do not adversely impact the emission reductions contained in the plan.
- Replacement language in Chapter 3 providing more detail and data describing the District's emission reduction credit banking and offset system (the system is unchanged compared to that submitted with the PM10 Plan).

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Public Review Period: Begins: November 12, 2003 and Ends: December 12, 2003

Public Hearing: A public hearing will be held to consider this action on December 18, 2003 at the District Headquarters Office.

Anyone interested in this matter is invited to comment on the document by written response on or before 5:00 P.M., December 12, 2003.