



San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District

NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Project Proponent: San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District

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Project Name: San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District Draft Amendments to the 2003 PM10 Plan (PM10 Plan Amendments)

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.
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- 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).

Reasons for Negative Declaration:

The Initial Study (attached) has not identified any significant adverse environmental impacts that may occur because of the project.

Copies of the Negative Declaration and supporting documentation relating to the subject project may be examined by interested parties at the San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District's Central Region Office (headquarters), at the Northern Region Office, or at the Southern Region Office.

Proposed Negative Declaration Date:
Final Negative Declaration Date:

November 12, 2003
December 12, 2003

Air Pollution Control Officer
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