

# PUBLIC NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

## INITIAL STUDY/PROPOSED MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

**Date:** November 27, 2006

**Project Title:** Ethanol Plant. District Project Number N1062063

**Applicant:** Cilion, Inc.

**Project Location:** 4209 Jessup Road, near the unincorporated town of Keyes and just west of CA Highway 99. Stanislaus County

**Public Review Period: Begins:** December 01, 2006 **Ends:** January 1, 2007

Anyone interested in this matter is invited to comment on the document by written response on or before 5:00 P.M January 1, 2007.

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**Description of Project:** Cilion, Inc. is proposing to install a new ethanol production facility at 4209 Jessup Road, Ceres, CA. Cilion has applied to the San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District (District) for 21 Authority to Construct (ATC) permits for the proposed equipment. The District is unaware of any other agency with discretionary approval authority for the project thus; the District is serving as the Lead Agency.

The proposed project will use fermentation and distillation processes to produce up to 55 million gallons of fuel grade ethanol per year from corn. The facility will receive corn via an enclosed conveyor from A.L. Gilbert Company, an adjoining feed manufacturer. The facility will also have multiple large storage tanks to store intermediate and final product and a loading rack to ship the product by truck.

Emissions from the project have the potential to result in a significant impact on air quality. However, the potential impact can be reduced to less than significant through compliance with applicable State, Federal and District Rules. Specifically, emissions of volatile organic compounds (VOC) from the Stationary Source would exceed the District's offset threshold of 10 tons per year for VOCs. Emissions of nitrogen oxides (NOx) from mobile sources would exceed the District's significance threshold of 10 tons per year for NOx. Emissions from the project can be offset to less than significant by surrendering to the District Emission Reduction Credits (ERC) in the amounts of 12.45 tons VOC and 5 tons NOx. No other potential adverse environmental impacts were identified.

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**Lead Agency:** San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District

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**Addresses where document may be obtained:**

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