



San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District

PUBLIC NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

INITIAL STUDY/PROPOSED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

DATE: July 13, 2006

Project Title: Pacific Ethanol Madera, LLC. Project Number C-4261-29-0 through C-4261-54-0

Project Location/City: South side of Avenue 12, One-Half (0.57) Miles West of the Intersection with Road 32

Project Location – City: Madera, California

Project Location - County: Madera

Description of Project: The San Joaquin Valley Air Basin (SJVAB) is classified as a serious ozone nonattainment area and a serious PM10 nonattainment area for the health-based air quality standards established by the Federal Clean Air Act. The SJVAB is also classified as severe nonattainment for the California ozone standard and nonattainment for the California PM10 standard.

Pacific Ethanol Madera, LLC requests twenty-six (26) Authority to Construct (ATC) permits from the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (District) for the installation of a new fuel grade ethanol production and storage facility. No other local agency permits are required; consequently, the District is the lead agency under CEQA. Ethanol will be produced from the fermentation and distillation of corn. The proposed maximum capacity of the plant is 40 million gallons per year of non-denatured ethanol. Pacific Ethanol Madera, LLC acquired an existing company, Coast Grain, which processes corn for cattle feed. The new ethanol production facility will be located at the same location as the existing feed mill facility (formerly Coast Grain). The project will receive corn via truck and rail, and produce ethanol for off-site use as an additive in motor vehicle fuel, and distiller grains for use locally as cattle feed. The existing corn silos and rail loop track will be utilized for the receiving and storage of corn. Additional facilities to be constructed will include: expanded grain processing building; fermentation building and tanks; distillation, drying, and evaporation building; ethanol storage tanks; tanks for the storage of production materials; and natural gas-fired steam production facility. The project will not obstruct implementation of air quality plans, result in a cumulatively considerable net increase in any criteria pollutant, expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutants or create any objectionable odors and no other significant impacts have been identified in the initial study.

Lead Agency: San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District

Lead Agency Contact Person: Debbie Johnson, Air Quality Specialist (559) 230-5817

Addresses where document may be obtained:

District website at: www.valleyair.org/notices/public_notices_idx.htm

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Public Review Period: Begins: July 13, 2006 **Ends:** August 2, 2006

Anyone interested in this matter is invited to comment on the document by written response on or before 5:00 P.M. August 2, 2006