



San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District

COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE BULLETIN

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Confined Animal Facilities (CAF)

Rule 4570 was adopted on June 15, 2006, to limit the emissions of volatile organic compounds (VOC) from CAFs. A CAF is defined as a facility where animals are corralled, penned, or otherwise caused to remain in restricted areas for commercial purposes and primarily fed by a means other than grazing for at least forty-five days in any twelve-month period.

CAFs at and exceeding these numbers must comply with Rule 4570:

Large CAF Thresholds	
Livestock Category	Number of Animals
Dairy	1,000 lactating cows
Beef Feedlots	3,500 beef cattle
Other Cattle Operations	7,500 calves, heifers, and other cattle
Chickens-Broilers & Egg Layers	650,000 head
Turkeys	100,000 head
Swine	3,000 head

Owners/operators of any CAF subject to the provisions of Rule 4570 shall choose from a series of mitigation measures listed within the rule that correspond to the livestock category of their CAF.

Owners/operators of any CAF subject to the provisions of Rule 4570 shall submit a Permit to Operate (PTO) application by December 15, 2006, detailing an emission mitigation plan listing all chosen mitigation measures.

For dairies only: A dairy may have a PTO from the District but would be exempt from Rule 4570 as long as the dairy never exceeds 1,000 milking cows. Dry cows are not to be counted as milking cows.

Help is available!

In order to assist you in the permitting process, the District will be developing special guidance materials and application packages and will be conducting assistance outreach in the near future. Applications and other information will be made available, by September 28, 2006, at the District's agricultural assistance website, www.valleyair.org/farmpermits. You may contact the District's Small Business Assistance staff at (559) 230-5888 or contact your local trade organizations for further information.