Initial Study and Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration

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From: SJVUAPCD Permit Services Department

Subject: Initial Study and Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration
Western Milling, LLC
Project No. CEQA 20090113

Response Period: April 20 – May 25, 2009

The SJVUAPCD Permit Services CEQA Division is submitting the enclosed Initial Study and Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration to Responsible and Trustee agencies for their review.

Please contact the District with any comments pertaining to the project. Comments identifying potential impacts should be as specific as possible and should be based on supporting data. Comments should emphasize the impacts within your agency’s area of expertise and/or jurisdictional responsibilities.

Please submit your comments via email to david.mcdonough@valleyair.org or mail to:

San Joaquin Valley APCD
Permit Services - CEQA
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Fresno, CA 93726-0244

Applicant: San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District

Project Location: Kings Industrial Park

Project Description: Western Milling, LLC is proposing the installation of a new dry poultry litter (DPL). The proposed operation will include receiving and shipping operations, storage operations, mixing operations, grinding operations with spray bars, sterilizing auger with an existing permit exempt 1.75 MMBtu/hr natural gas-fired heater, and transfer conveyors. Western Milling is proposing a two step process consisting of poultry litter processing and feed additive processing. First the facility expects up to 1,000 tons per day of raw poultry litter will be received from local poultry ranches. Second the facility expects up to 500 tons/day of feed additives received and transferred to hoppers, bins, or tanks. DPL is stockpiled or loaded directly into bulk feed trucks or dairy wagons for shipment. All materials received will be processed within 30 days. Therefore composting is not expected to occur.
**Distribution List:** A copy of the Initial Study and Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration has been sent to the following agencies:

- County of Kings
- City of Hanford
- CA Department of Fish and Game – Fresno
- CA Department of Transportation – Fresno
- Native American Heritage Commission
- Regional Water Quality Control Board – Fresno