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From: California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street, MS-48
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Project Applicant: The Neil Jones Food Company

Project Title: Tomatek High Efficiency Evaporator System Upgrade

Project Location – Specific: 2502 N St

Project Location – City: Firebaugh 93622 Project Location – County: Fresno

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The purpose of this project is to install and operate an advanced energy efficient pre-evaporator system at the recipient's tomato processing facility. The new high efficiency system will support sustainability goals, reduce operating costs, improve energy efficiency, reduce GHG emissions, and serve as a model for other facilities.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Energy Commission

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: The Neil Jones Food Company

Exempt Status: (check one)

- Ministerial Exemption (Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(1); Cal. Code Regs., tit 14, § 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(3); Cal. Code Regs., tit 14, § 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(4); Cal. Code Regs., tit 14, § 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number
Cal. Code Regs., tit 14, § 15301
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number.
- Common Sense Exemption. (Cal. Code Regs., tit 14, §15061(b)(3))

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project will involve minor alteration of existing mechanical equipment at an existing food processing facility in Firebaugh, CA. This project will also replace existing, aging equipment with new equipment at existing facilities. The equipment to be replaced in the project includes a pre-evaporator with a low pressure steam delivery system at the tomato processing facilities. These replacements will not have a significant effect on the environment and fall under the "repair, maintenance...or minor alteration of existing structure, facilities, mechanical equipment...which involves negligible or no expansion of use" criteria listed in Categorical Exemption 14 C.C.R. §15301.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Cyrus Ghandi Area code/Telephone/Ext: 916-327-1506


If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

The Neil Jones Food Company

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Signature: 

Date: 3/11/19

Title: Associate Energy Specialist

Signed by Responsible Agency

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: _____

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