

Notice of Exemption**Form D**

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: California Energy Commission
 1516 Ninth Street, MS-48
 Sacramento, CA 95814

Project Applicant: Baker Commodities, Inc.

Project Title: Vernon Energy Efficiency Upgrade Program (VEE-UP)

Project Location – Specific: 4020 Bandini Blvd

Project Location – City: Vernon 90058 **Project Location – County:** Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The purpose of this project is to implement the Vernon Energy Efficiency Upgrade Program (VEE-UP) in which inefficient, ageing equipment will be replaced with drop-in, high efficiency equipment. The project will reduce operating costs and GHG emissions, demonstrate the reliability and effectiveness of advanced energy efficiency equipment at the facility, 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: Baker Commodities, Inc.

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 Vernon, CA. The project will replace old, inefficient equipment, as well as addition of some new equipment to existing processes to reduce energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions. Equipment includes compressor controls and system optimization, advanced motors and controls, process equipment insulation, boilers/economizers, and internal metering and software. These installations will be minor alterations of existing mechanical equipment with no expansion beyond the existing use of the food processing facility and will not have significant effect on the environment. The project falls under categorical exemption listed in 14 C.C.R. §15301.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Estella Shi Area code/Telephone/Ext: 916-327-1351

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

Signature: 

Date: 3/15/19

Title: Energy Analyst
Governor's Office of Planning & Research

Signed by Responsible Agency

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

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