

Notice of Exemption**Form D**

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: California Energy Commission
 Fuels and Transportation Division
 1516 Ninth Street, MS-27
 Sacramento, CA 95814

Project Title: Hyper-Philic AD Demonstration of Green Waste Conversion to Renewable Natural Gas for fueling station

Project Location	Address	City	ZIP	County
Atlas Refuel Station at SATS	8550 Fruitridge Rd.	Sacramento, CA	95826	Sacramento

Project Location – City: Sacramento **Project Location – County:** Sacramento

Description of Project:

The scope of this project is to demonstrate and validate the modular Hyper-Philic anaerobic digestion technology (a two tank system) to produce fuel grade renewable compressed natural gas (R-CNG). Technikon is partnering with Atlas Disposal, and Refuel Energy Partners to utilize existing feedstock and CNG fueling station, at the project demonstration site. Testing of the system will include collection of 6 months of operational data.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Energy Commission

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Technikon LLC

Exempt Status: (check one)

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number.
- Common Sense Exemption. 15061(b)(3)

§15301 – “Existing Facilities”,
 Structures”, §15304 – “Minor Alterations to Land”

Reasons why project is exempt:


Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, sec. 15301 provides that projects which consist of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, and which involve negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency’s determination, are categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act. This project consists of demonstration of anaerobic digestion technology equipment which will involve the operation, maintenance, and minor alteration of an existing waste processing facility and will involve negligible expansion use beyond that already existing and the square footage of equipment installation is relatively small.

Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, sec. 15304 provides that projects which consist of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes, are categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act. For installation of the equipment in this project there may be minor trenching and backfilling. No trees will be removed and the surface will be restored. This reflects exactly the example given in section 15304(f). Therefore, the project falls within section 15304 and will not have a significant effect on the environment.

Responsible Agency

Contact Person: Hieu Nguyen **Area code/Telephone/Ext:** 916-654-4163

Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature:  **Date:** 7/17/19 **Title:** Energy Commission Specialist

- Signed by Responsible Agency
- Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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