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From: California Energy Commission
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Project Applicant: Aemetis Advanced Fuels Keyes, Inc.

Project Title: Aemetis Food Emission and Energy Efficiency Delivery (FEEED) Initiative

Project Location – Specific: 4209 Jessup Rd

Project Location – City: Ceres 95307 Project Location – County: Stanislaus

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

This project will install an advanced, energy efficient evaporator and distillation system at the Aemetis Advanced Fuels biofuels and animal food production facility in Ceres, CA.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Energy Commission

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Aemetis Advanced Fuels Keyes, 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 ; Cal. Code Regs., tit 14, § 15304
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number.
- Common Sense Exemption. (Cal. Code Regs., tit 14, §15061(b)(3))

Reasons why project is exempt:

Class 2 projects consist of replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced. This project will involve replacement of existing mechanical equipment at an existing food processing facility and the facility will have substantially the same purpose and capacity with the replacement equipment. The evaporator and distillation system consists of evaporators, condensers, distillation columns, heat exchangers, pumps, tanks, and associated wiring, piping, fittings, and fasteners. The demonstration will not have a significant impact on local air quality, noise, or traffic, and is expected to reduce local criteria pollutant emissions. For these reasons, the project will not have a significant effect on the environment and falls under the categorical exemption listed in 14 C.C.R. § 15302.

This project involves minor public or private alterations in the condition of land including minor trenching and backfilling where the surface is restored. The proposed project may install infrastructure for underground cables including conduit and wiring. For these reasons, the project will not have a significant effect on the environment and falls under the categorical exemption 14 C.C.R. § 15304.


Each exemption is an independent basis for finding the project exempt.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Kevin Uy **Area code/Telephone/Ext:** 916-327-1533

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:** 05/19/2020 **Title:** Mechanical Engineer

Signed by Responsible Agency

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: _____

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