

Notice of Exemption**Form D**

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From: California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street, MS-48
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Project Applicant: Valley Fine Foods Co

Project Title: Valley Fine Foods - Transcritical CO2 Conversion

Project Location – Specific: 300 Epley Dr

Project Location – City: Yuba City 95991

Project Location – County: Sutter

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

This project will install an advanced refrigeration system to replace the existing refrigeration system at a frozen food processing facility in Yuba City, CA. This project includes transcritical carbon dioxide refrigeration rack systems at the Recipient's frozen food processing facility. Replacing the existing refrigeration system will eliminate the use of high global warming potential hydrofluorocarbon and hydrochlorofluorocarbon refrigerants and reduce onsite greenhouse gas emissions.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Energy Commission

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Valley Fine Foods Co

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, § 15302
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number.
- Common Sense Exemption. (Cal. Code Regs., tit 14, §15061(b)(3))

Reasons why project is exempt:

14 C.C.R. 15301. This project will involve minor alteration of existing facilities and mechanical equipment at an existing food processing facility and will result in no expansion of the existing use. The advanced refrigeration system consists of compressors, condensers, evaporators, chillers, storage tanks, heat exchangers, piping and fittings, insulation, and associated control systems. Installing the new refrigeration system will include new concrete pads for the CO2 racks and new piping for the new CO2 refrigeration system. 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. 15301.

14 C.C.R. 15302. This project involves the replacement of existing mechanical equipment at an existing food processing facility in Yuba City, CA. This project will replace existing inefficient equipment at an existing food

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

processing facility to reduce energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions. The equipment to be replaced includes compressors, condensers, evaporators, chillers, storage tanks, heat exchangers, piping and fittings, insulation, and associated control systems at the Recipient's food processing facility. The new equipment will be located on the same site as the equipment replaced and have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the equipment replaced. For these reasons, the project falls under categorical exemption listed in 14 C.C.R. 15302.

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

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Claire Sweeney **Area code/Telephone/Ext:** _____

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: Claire Sweeney **Date:** 6/11/2020 **Title:** Energy Analyst

Signed by Responsible Agency

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

Jun 11 2020

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: STATE CLEARINGHOUSE