

Notice of Exemption**Form D**

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From: California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street, MS-48
Sacramento, CA 95814

Project Applicant: DOE- Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory

Project Title: Demonstrating Benefits of Highly Insulating Thin-Triple Window Retrofits in California

Project Location:

<u>Address</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>County</u>
229 W Grant Line Rd	Tracy 95376	San Joaquin
4955 N 7th Ave	Fresno 93723	
7260 N College Ave	Fresno 93650	Fresno
7315 N College Ave	Fresno 93650	Fresno
19125 Myrtle street	Huron 93234	Fresno
6660 Abrego Rd	Goleta 93117	Santa Barbara

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

This project will deploy, test, and measure the benefits of a new thin-glass triple-pane window system in two multi-family residences and 30 single-family homes, in order to demonstrate its much higher insulation properties compared to single- and double-pane windows. The benefits of this project, as related to the California Investor-Owned Utility natural gas ratepayers, are to increase grid resiliency, reduce financial burden for natural gas services, and improved safety by reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Energy Commission

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: DOE- Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory

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, § 15306
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number.
- Common Sense Exemption. (Cal. Code Regs., tit 14, §15061(b)(3))

Reasons why project is exempt:

The activities funded by this agreement are exempt under Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15301 because they involve minor energy efficiency retrofit alterations to existing apartment buildings. The retrofits involve no expansion of existing use, with interior/exterior alterations to improve building performance.

The purpose of installing thin-glass triple-pane windows system in private homes and apartments is to monitor and analyze the thermal performance and electricity consumption of the homes' HVAC and the efficiency of the window solutions. The project is strictly for information gathering purposes and involves basic data collection

with no serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. Therefore, the project falls within section 15306.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Abigail Jacob **Area code/Telephone/Ext:** 916-327-1314

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: Abigail Jacob **Date:** 6/17/2020 **Title:** ECS

Signed by Responsible Agency

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

Signed by Lead Agency

Jun 17 2020

Signed by Applicant

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