

Notice of Exemption**Form D**

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

Project Applicant: Pacific Coast Producers

Project Title: Pacific Coast Producers Refrigeration Optimization & Process Equipment Insulation

Project Location:

<u>Address</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>County</u>
1376 Lemen Ave	Woodland 95776	Yolo
1601 Mitchell Ave	Oroville 95965	Butte
33 E Tokay St	Lodi 95240	San Joaquin

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The purpose of this Agreement is to install and operate an efficient refrigeration system and to incorporate ceramic insulation on all existing process rotary cookers at the Recipient's food processing facilities. The optimized refrigeration system will replace three existing Freon refrigeration systems with a new ammonia refrigeration system to reduce electricity consumption, refrigeration leakage, greenhouse gas emissions, and operation costs at the Recipient's food processing facility on Oroville. Also, this project will apply ceramic insulation on all existing process rotary cookers to reduce heat loss and natural gas consumption at the Recipient's food processing facilities in Woodland, Oroville, and Lodi.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Energy Commission

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Pacific Coast Producers

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 CCR 15301. This project will involve minor alteration of existing facilities and mechanical equipment at three existing food processing facilities and will result in no expansion of the existing use. The advanced refrigeration system at the Oroville facility consists of compressors, condensers, evaporators, chillers, storage tanks, heat exchangers, piping and fittings, insulation, and associated control systems. Site preparation may include a new concrete pad. The materials used to construct the system are chemically inert, not hazardous to human health, and do not have a significant effect on the environment. The systems purchased have safety certifications in compliance with relevant codes and standards. In addition, all required permits for installation and operation of the system will be obtained prior to system installation and demonstration. Also, this project will install ceramic

insulation on existing uninsulated cookers and one hot well to reduce heat loss to the atmosphere across all the three food processing facilities in Oroville, Lodi, and Woodland. The demonstration will not have a significant impact on local air quality, noise, or traffic. For these reasons, the project will not have a significant effect on the environment and falls under the categorical exemption listed in 14 CCR 15301.

14 CCR 15302. This project involves the replacement of existing mechanical equipment at an existing food processing facility in Oroville, CA. This project will replace existing inefficient equipment at an existing food 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 CCR 15302.

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

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Cyrus Ghandi **Area code/Telephone/Ext:** 916-327-1506

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: Cyrus Ghandi **Date:** 6.17.20 **Title:** CAM

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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Signed by Responsible Agency

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: STATE CLEARINGHOUSE