

**Notice of Exemption**

**Form D**

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
Commission  
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**From:** California Energy  
Fuels and  
1516 Ninth Street,  
Sacramento, CA

**Project Title:** Aemetis Central Dairy Digester Biogas Cleanup Project

**Project Location – Specific:**

Project Location	Address	City	ZIP	County
Aemetis Keyes Ethanol Production Facility	4209 Jessup Road	Keyes	95328	Stanislaus
Various dairy lagoons	TBD	TBD	TBD	Stanislaus

**Project Location – City:** Keyes      **Project Location – County:** Stanislaus

**Description of Project:**

The project will involve the construction and operation of a new Biogas Cleanup Plant at an existing commercial biofuel production facility located in the Keyes, California for the procurement and upgrading of dairy biogas pipelined from local dairy digesters to convert to renewable natural gas. The construction of the Biogas Cleanup Plant is located in the M (industrial) zoning district and will consist of plant design, engineering, construction and commissioning, with biogas being stored at an existing on-site boiler.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** California Energy Commission

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Pilar Magaña

**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 and 15303

PRC 21080 (b)(1)

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

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14 CCR section 15301 exempts the operation, repair, maintenance, and minor alteration of existing structures, facilities or mechanical equipment involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. This project will involve the minor alteration and operation of an existing biorefinary facility and construction of utilities within existing highways and streets with negligible or no expansion of existing or former use as determined by the lead agency, Stanislaus County.

14 CCR section 15303 exempts the construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures. This project will involve the construction of a limited number of small dairy digesters at dairy lagoons and is therefore is exempt under 14 CCR section 15303. Construction of the dairy digesters have also been approved by the lead agency, Stanislaus County, as exempt under CEQA.

**Responsible Agency**

**Contact Person:** Pilar Magaña **Area code/Telephone/Ext:** 916-651-0587

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

**Signature:** Pilar Magaña **Date:** 6/22/2020 **Title:** Air  
Pollution Specialist

**Signed by Responsible Agency**

**Signed by Applicant**

**Date received for filing at OPR:** \_\_\_\_\_