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From: California Energy Commission
 1516 Ninth Street, MS-48
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Project Applicant: Electric Power Research Institute, Inc.

Project Title: Advancing Energy Efficiency in Manufactured Homes Through High Performance Envelope (REVISED)

Project Location:

Address	City	County
814 S. Mooney Boulevard	Visalia 93277	Tulare (New Site)
12995 6Th St Site)	Yucaipa 92399	San Bernardino (New Site)

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project will integrate several advances in manufactured home design and construction that taken together will provide a model for how the industry can cost-effectively achieve the state's energy and fire safety goals. To achieve these goals, the project consists of two parallel and overlapping design-development tracks: innovative envelope (wall and roof) systems and comprehensive solutions for meeting requirements of Title 24. In crafting solutions, the team will focus on advancing envelope innovations that hold the promise of improving thermal performance without adding cost.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Energy Commission

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Electric Power Research Institute, 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, § 15332
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number.
- Common Sense Exemption. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §15061(b)(3))

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project will build and test advanced manufactured home designs and construction in order to promote energy efficiency advances in the manufactured home industry. This project will build and install 3 mobile homes no more than 1,200 square feet each and temporarily collect data from them. The three single-family mobile homes will be divided up and placed in two different existing mobile home parks, and these projects sites are all of the following: (a) consistent with the applicable general plan designation and all applicable general plan policies as well as with applicable zoning designation and regulations; (b) within city limits on a site of no more than five acres substantially surrounded by urban uses; (c) on sites that have no value as habitat for endangered, rare or threatened species; (d) not going to result in any significant effects relating to traffic, noise, air quality, or water quality; and (e) adequately served by all required utilities and public services. Thus, they meet the requirements of 14 CCR 15332.

The Energy Commission made CEQA findings pertaining to this project, including finding that it was categorically exempt under Title 14 CCR 15332 when grant agreement EPC-19-035 for this project was originally approved by the Commission on June 10, 2020. The currently proposed changes through this amendment involve changing the location of the two test sites. These changes will not result in any environmental impacts beyond those already considered by the Commission and do not change the applicability of the categorical exemption under 14 CCR 15332.

This amended Notice of Exemption provides documentation of the test site changes and the CEC's analysis regarding CEQA.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Jackson Thach **Area code/Telephone/Ext:** 916-776-0818

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: Jackson Thach **Date:** 3-28-2022 **Title:** Mechanical Engineer

Signed by Responsible Agency

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: _____