

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk
County of: _____

From: (Public Agency): _____

(Address)

Project Title: _____

Project Applicant: _____

Project Location - Specific:

Project Location - City: _____ Project Location - County: _____

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: _____

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: _____

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: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Lead Agency
Contact Person: _____ Area Code/Telephone/Extension: _____

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: Carly Barham Date: _____ Title: _____

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

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

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Clerk of the Board
County of Santa Barbara
105 East Anapamu Street - Room 407
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

FROM: Santa Barbara County
Air Pollution Control District
260 N. San Antonio Road, Suite A
Santa Barbara, CA 93110

Project I.D.: Authority to Construct (ATC) No. 16116
Project Title: UCSB Building 657 Boilers
Project Applicant: University of California Santa Barbara (UCSB)
Project Location: Building 657, UCSB, Santa Barbara

Project Description: This permit authorizes the replacement of one existing Parker 2.000 MMBtu/hr boiler (DID 386829) with a new 1.999 MMBtu/hr Lochinvar boiler, as well as the installation of three (3) additional new Lochinvar 1.999 MMBtu/hr boilers. The new Lochinvar boilers will operate in a stacked configuration with an existing Cleaver Brooks 3.900 MMBtu/hr boiler (DID 394662) at Building 657.

Exempt Status: (Check One)

CEQA Section(s):

- Ministerial (Section 21080 (b)(1); 15268)
- Declared Emergency (Section 21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (Section 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))
- Categorical Exemption (Cite section: _____)
- Statutory Exemption (Cite section: _____)

Other Basis for Exemption:

- General “Common Sense” Exemption under CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3)
- District CEQA Guidelines, Appendix A (“District List of Exempt Projects”)

Reasons Why Project is Exempt: This project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines. This section provides a “common sense” exemption for projects that do not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. The project results in minor increases in criteria pollutants and greenhouse gas emissions that are well below the District’s CEQA mass emission thresholds (approximately 2.10 lb/day NOx, 0.78 lb/day ROC, 10.67 lb/day CO, 1.97 lb/day SOx, 0.197 lb/day PM10, 0.197 lb/day PM2.5, and 2,793 MT CO2e/yr). The project does not trigger District requirements for an Air Quality Impact Analysis or Health Risk Assessment pursuant to District Regulation VIII: *New Source Review*. The project triggers requirements for Best Available Control Technology (BACT) which is satisfied via the installation of units that are guaranteed by the manufacturer to meet 12 ppm NOx at 3% oxygen and 100 ppm CO at 3% O2 when properly tuned. As a result of the project, the emission offset thresholds of Regulation VIII are exceeded for NOx at the UCSB Stationary Source for the first time. UCSB has satisfied its offset liability through the surrender of the required offsets. The project will comply with all applicable District rules and regulations and is therefore consistent with the 2022 Ozone Plan. The District considered the potential for the project to affect environmental resources aside from air quality, including water use and energy use. The project will not result in additional water or electricity use at Building 657. Natural gas consumption is expected to increase by 11.1%, but this minimal increase has no potential to cause a significant impact on energy resources. Further information and supporting documentation can be found in the District’s administrative permit files.

Notice of Exemption from CEQA (continued)

Date of Project Approval: February 7, 2024

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Alex Economou
Alex Economou, Planning Division Manager

Date: 2/6/2024


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Clerk of the Board Date and Time Stamp