

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**TO: Contra Costa County
Clerk-Recorder's Office
555 Escobar Street
Martinez, CA 94553**

**FROM: Bay Area Air Quality
Management District
375 Beale Street, Suite 600
San Francisco, CA 94105**

SUBJECT: FILING OF NOTICE OF EXEMPTION PURSUANT TO SECTION 21152(b) OF THE PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE AND CEQA GUIDELINES SECTION 15062.

PROJECT TITLE: CORTEVA AGRISCIENCE – PITTSBURG OPERATIONS – ISSUANCE OF AUTHORITY TO CONSTRUCT FOR INSTALLATION OF TWO EMERGENCY STANDBY DIESEL FIRE PUMP ENGINES, S-32108 AND S-32109 (APPLICATION 32170).

Public Agency Approving Project (Lead Agency): Bay Area Air Quality Management District (Air District), 375 Beale Street, Suite 600, San Francisco, CA 94105. Contact: Kevin Creaven, Air Quality Engineer, Telephone: (415) 749-4793 Email: kcreaven@baaqmd.gov

Project Applicant and Entity carrying out Project: Corteva Agriscience – Pittsburg Operations (Corteva).

Project Applicant Address: 901 Loveridge Road Pittsburg, CA 94565.

Project Applicant Contact: Suzanne Chaewsky, Air Specialist, Corteva, 901 Loveridge Road Pittsburg, CA 94565. Telephone: (925) 432-5583. Email: suzanne.chaewsky@corteva.com

Project Location: 901 Loveridge Road Pittsburg, **Contra Costa County**, CA 94565. Nearest Cross Street: East 3rd Street.

Project Description:

This permit action is to issue an Authority to Construct for the installation and operation of two emergency standby diesel fire pump engines:

S-32108 Emergency Standby Diesel Fire Pump Engine
Make: Caterpillar Inc., Model: C18, Model Year: 2022
Pump Make: Clarke, Pump Model: C18H0-UFAD42-D
614 bhp, 4.38 MMBtu/hr
Permit Condition No. 100072, 100073, and 100076

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Permit Condition No. 100072 specifies what circumstances allow the engines to be used, requires a non-resettable meter to be maintained on the engines, requires recordkeeping, and prohibits operation within 500 feet of a school during school hours. Permit Condition No. 100073 limits the annual usage for maintenance and testing. Permit Condition No. 100076 specifies the engine may only be operated when directly coupled to pump(s) exclusively used in water-based fire protection systems.

Finding of Exemption:


The Air District has determined that this permit action is exempt from CEQA because the project involves only a minor alteration to an existing facility subject to the "Class 1" categorical exemption with no or negligible expansion of existing or former use (CEQA Guidelines § 15301).

Basis for Exemption:

This permit application is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to Class 1: Existing Facilities – CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 since there will be a negligible expansion of existing use. The existing use of the facility on which the generators will be installed and operated is a chemical manufacturing plant. These two additional engines and the structure associated with them is a negligible expansion of that use and the engines will only be used for the purpose of providing power to a firewater pump within the facility in the event of an emergency. Further, based on the review of the permit application materials, including Appendix H, the project will not have any significant environmental impacts, and cumulative impacts from successive projects of the same type in the same place will not result in significant environmental impacts. The Air District does not expect there to be successive projects similar to this at this same place since these engines will satisfy the need for fire prevention at this part of the facility.



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Date