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From: California Energy Commission
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Project Applicant: Innovative Cold Storage Enterprises, Inc.

Project Title: Refrigeration System Upgrade at Innovative Cold Enterprise

Project Location – Specific: 7850 Waterville Road

Project Location – City: San Diego 92154 **Project Location – County:** San Diego

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

This project involves the removal of two aging and inefficient refrigeration systems at Innovative Cold Storage Enterprises’ existing cold storage facility in San Diego and will replace them with two low-charge ammonia refrigeration systems.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Energy Commission

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Innovative Cold Storage Enterprises, 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, § 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:

Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15301

This project will involve minor alteration of existing facilities and mechanical equipment at the existing cold storage facility in San Diego and will result in negligible or no expansion of the existing use. The project will replace existing inefficient equipment and will reduce energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions. The equipment to be replaced includes advanced refrigeration system, piping, and fittings. 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. 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 C.C.R. § 15301.

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.
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Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15302

This project involves the replacement of existing mechanical equipment at the existing cold storage facility in San Diego. This project will replace existing inefficient equipment at the existing food processing facility to reduce energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions. The equipment to be replaced includes advanced refrigeration system and associated piping and fittings at the Recipient's cold storage facility in San Diego. 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 C.C.R. § 15302.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Eleanor Oliver **Area code/Telephone/Ext:** 916-232-8181

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: Eleanor Oliver **Date:** 09/27/2024 **Title:** EGSS I

Signed by Responsible Agency

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: _____