



AUG 29 2012

Mr. Daniel Lee
Paramount Farms, Inc.
13646 Highway 33
Lost Hills, CA 93249

**Re: Notice of Final Decision - ATC / Certificate of Conformity
Facility # S-377
Project # S-1120294**

Dear Mr. Lee:

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Sincerely,



David Warner
Director of Permit Services

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Mike Tollstrup, Chief
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**NOTICE OF FINAL DECISION
FOR THE ISSUANCE OF AUTHORITY TO CONSTRUCT AND
THE PROPOSED MINOR MODIFICATION OF FEDERALLY
MANDATED OPERATING PERMIT**

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The application review for Project #S-1120294, is available for public inspection at http://www.valleyair.org/notices/public_notices_idx.htm and the District office at the address below. **SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT, 1990 E. GETTYSBURG AVE, FRESNO, CA 93726-0244.**



AUTHORITY TO CONSTRUCT

PERMIT NO: S-377-19-29

ISSUANCE DATE: 08/20/2012

LEGAL OWNER OR OPERATOR: PARAMOUNT FARMS
MAILING ADDRESS: ATTN: DANIEL LEE
13646 HIGHWAY 33
LOST HILLS, CA 93249-9719

LOCATION: 3.5 MILES NORTH OF HWY 46 ON HWY 33
LOST HILLS, CA

SECTION: 23 **TOWNSHIP:** 25S **RANGE:** 19E

EQUIPMENT DESCRIPTION:

MODIFICATION OF 550.5 MMBTU/HR NATURAL GAS-FIRED PISTACHIO HULLING AND DRYING OPERATION #2:
ADD FOUR 27 MMBTU/HR COLUMN DRYERS WITH STAGGERED HEATERS AND FANS AND PREMIUM EFFICIENCY
ELECTRIC MOTORS POWERING FANS AND AUGERS

CONDITIONS

1. This Authority to Construct serves as a written certificate of conformity with the procedural requirements of 40 CFR 70.7 and 70.8 and with the compliance requirements of 40 CFR 70.6(c). [District Rule 2201] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
2. Prior to operating with modifications authorized by this Authority to Construct, the facility shall submit an application to modify the Title V permit with an administrative amendment in accordance with District Rule 2520 Section 5.3.4. [District Rule 2520, 5.3.4] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
3. Disposal of solid and liquid wastes shall not result in odors nor constitute a nuisance. [District Rule 4102]
4. Particulate matter emissions shall not exceed 0.1 grains/dscf in concentration. [District Rule 4201] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
5. There shall be no visible emissions in excess of 5% opacity at receiving pits, stickreels, conveyors, conveyor transfer points or trash disposal operations. [District NSR Rule] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
6. There shall be no visible emissions at dryers conveyors aspirators cyclones exhausts. [District NSR Rule] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit

CONDITIONS CONTINUE ON NEXT PAGE

YOU MUST NOTIFY THE DISTRICT COMPLIANCE DIVISION AT (661) 392-5500 WHEN CONSTRUCTION IS COMPLETED AND PRIOR TO OPERATING THE EQUIPMENT OR MODIFICATIONS AUTHORIZED BY THIS AUTHORITY TO CONSTRUCT. This is NOT a PERMIT TO OPERATE. Approval or denial of a PERMIT TO OPERATE will be made after an inspection to verify that the equipment has been constructed in accordance with the approved plans, specifications and conditions of this Authority to Construct, and to determine if the equipment can be operated in compliance with all Rules and Regulations of the San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District. Unless construction has commenced pursuant to Rule 2050, this Authority to Construct shall expire and application shall be cancelled two years from the date of issuance. The applicant is responsible for complying with all laws, ordinances and regulations of all other governmental agencies which may pertain to the above equipment.

Seyed Sadredin, Executive Director / APCO



DAVID WARNER, Director of Permit Services
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7. Operation shall be equipped with seven receiving pits, seven receiving discharge conveyors, seven pit discharge conveyors, seven cleated belt stickreel conveyors and seven 60 in. stickreels. [District NSR Rule] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
8. Operation shall be equipped with seven precleaner leaf blowers, each with one 44" high-efficiency cyclone preceded by expansion box. [District NSR Rule] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
9. Operation shall be equipped with precleaner discharge conveyors, incline discharge conveyors, trash conveyors, transfer conveyors, and distribution conveyors. [District NSR Rule] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
10. Operation may be equipped with the following permit exempt equipment: pistachio huller/peelers, wash decks, float tanks, gravity decks each with a high efficiency cyclone, size graders, detwiggers, product reclaim line, wet aspirators with cyclones and/or expansion boxes, electric air compressors, electric compressed air dryers, and associated conveyors, hoppers, and elevators. [District Rule 2010] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
11. Operation shall be equipped with four 28.5 MMBtu/hr bed type pistachio dryers, each equipped with: four modified 5.5 MMBtu/hr burners, one modified 6.5 MMBtu/hr burner, four 40 hp blowers, and one 50 hp blower. [District NSR Rule] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
12. Operation shall be equipped with two 28.5 MMBtu/hr bed type pistachio dryers, each equipped with four modified 5.5 MMBtu/hr burners, one modified 6.5 MMBtu/hr burner, two 40 hp blowers, and eight 25 hp blowers. [District NSR Rule] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
13. Operation shall be equipped with one 28.5 MMBtu/hr bed type pistachio dryer equipped with four modified 5.5 MMBtu/hr burners, one modified 6.5 MMBtu/hr burner, two 40 hp blowers, eight 25 hp blowers, and two 40 hp suction fans. [District NSR Rule] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
14. Operation shall be equipped with seventeen 27.0 MMBtu/hr natural gas-fired column type pistachio dryers. [District NSR Rule] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
15. Operation shall be equipped with an operational totalizing fuel flow meter serving bed type dryers listed above. [District NSR Rule] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
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17. Operation shall be equipped with dryer discharge conveyors, up to two aspirators each with cyclone and 25 hp blower, and incline conveyors. [District NSR Rule] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
18. All stacks shall remain open during normal operation of four 28.5 MMBtu/hr bed type pistachio dryers. [District NSR Rule] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
19. Maximum emission rate of PM10 from each of the precleaner cyclones listed above shall not exceed 0.08 lb/hr. [District NSR Rule] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
20. All combustion equipment shall be fired with PUC regulated natural gas. [District Rule 2201] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
21. Maximum daily natural gas consumption of bed type dryers listed above shall not exceed 5.25 MMscf/day. [District NSR Rule] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
22. Maximum annual natural gas consumption of bed type dryers listed above shall not exceed 165 MMscf/year. [District NSR Rule] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
23. Emission rates for bed type dryers listed above shall not exceed any of the following: PM10: 23.5 lb/MMscf, SOx (as SO2): 2.85 lb/MMscf, NOx (as NO2): 83.20 lb/MMscf, VOC: 3.8 lb/MMscf or CO: 65.31 lb/MMscf. [District NSR Rule] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
24. Maximum daily natural gas consumption of column type dryers listed above shall not exceed 7.0 MMscf/day. [District NSR Rule] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
25. Maximum annual natural gas consumption of column type dryers listed above shall not exceed 225 MMscf/year. [District NSR Rule] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit

26. Emission rates for column type dryers listed above shall not exceed any of the following: PM10: 2.5 lb/MMscf, SOx (as SO2): 2.85 lb/MMscf, NOx (as NO2): 83.20 lb/MMscf, VOC: 3.8 lb/MMscf or CO: 21.0 lb/MMscf. [District NSR Rule] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
27. The column type dryers shall be equipped with staggered heaters and fans with premium efficiency electric motors powering fans and augers or equivalent. [Public Resources Code 21000-21177:California Environmental Quality Act]
28. The bed type pistachio dryers shall be operated and maintained according to manufacturer's specifications. [District Rule 4309] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
29. Operation of each pre-cleaning line cyclone shall not exceed 1500 hours per calendar year. [District Rule 4102]
30. The operator shall maintain daily records showing the bed type pistachio dryers are fired exclusively on PUC quality natural gas, and operation and maintenance records demonstrating operation and maintenance according to manufacturer's specifications. [District Rule 4309] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
31. The operator shall maintain on-site during normal business hours a copy of the manufacturer's operation specifications and maintenance instruction manual for the bed-type dryers, or APCO-approved alternative procedures. [District Rule 4309] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
32. Permittee shall maintain records of the volume of fuel used each day and each year, and records of pre-cleaner cyclone operation per calendar year. Written documentation shall be made readily available to District for a period of five years. [District Rules 1070 and 4102]
33. The unit shall be inspected for visible emissions once during the quarter in which the unit operates. If any visible emissions are observed, corrective action shall be taken. If visible emissions cannot be corrected within 2 hours, a visible emissions test using EPA Method 9 shall be conducted within 48 hours. The results of inspection shall be kept in a record and shall be made available to the District upon request. [District Rule NSR Rule & 2520, 9.3.2] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit