



**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

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**Date:** February 21, 2013

**From:** San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District  
1990 East Gettysburg  
Fresno, CA 93726

**To:** Office of Planning & Research  
1400 Tenth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Project Title:** San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District Rule Development:  
Amendments to Rule 1020 (Definitions)

**Project Location - Specific:** Not Applicable

**Project Location - City:** All cities within the San Joaquin Valley Air Basin (SJVAB)

**Project Location - County:** All counties in the San Joaquin Valley Air Basin (SJVAB): Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, and Tulare.

**Description of Project:** The District is proposing to modify the definition of volatile organic compound (VOC) to include dimethyl carbonate (DMC) and propylene carbonate (PC) to the District's list of exempt compounds. This action is in response to the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) findings, effective February 2009, that DMC and PC have a low potential to form ozone in the atmosphere. The District is also proposing to remove use limitations for tertiary-butyl acetate (TBAC) and methyl formate (MF). During the evaluation and risk assessment for the exemption of DMC and PC, District staff determined that the use limitations on TBAC and MF are redundant and unnecessary given the Risk Management Review required by District Rules 2201 (New and Modified Station Source Review) and 2020 (Exemptions) for all compounds with potential risk. Additionally, the District is also proposing to revise the definition of "Clean Produced Water" to make it consistent with amendments to District Rule 4402 (Crude Oil Production Sumps) that were approved by the District Governing Board in 2011.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** San Joaquin Valley Unified APCD

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** San Joaquin Valley Unified APCD

**Exempt Status: (Check one)**

- Ministerial: §21080(b)(1); 15268
- Declared Emergency: §21080(b)(3); 15269(a)
- Emergency Project: §21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c)
- Categorical Exemption:
- Statutory Exemptions:
- General Exemption: Section 15061(b)(3)

**Reasons Why Project is Exempt:** The project is an amendment to existing District Rule 1020 (Definitions). District staff concludes that there is no substantial evidence in the whole record before the District that the proposed amendments to Rule 1020 would cause any adverse effects on the environment. Therefore, the District finds that the project is exempt per the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment (CCR §15061(b)(3)).

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