



COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE BULLETIN

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Confined Animal Facilities

Now that you have been issued your Authorities to Construct (ATC) for Rule 4570, there are several issues that the Air District would like you to be aware of, some to consider now, and others to follow in the future.

Certain provisions within Rule 4570 required dairies, and other confined animal facilities subject to the rule, to choose from a list of mitigation measures. Practice of these measures is designed to reduce VOC emissions. The measures that you have chosen were written into each of your respective ATCs as conditions. Now is the time to review those ATCs and conditions for errors, and to make sure that you do not have any issues or questions with the conditions. You most likely chose the measures that you are already doing, or measures that you are confident you can enact in the future. If for any reason you determine that an error has been made, or that you cannot follow the conditions of the ATC, please contact the Air District as soon as possible.

Your ATC permits include a date in the upper right hand side of the document known as the issuance date. Rule 4570 requires that you be in full compliance with the conditions 365 days after this issuance date. For most operations that will be late April 2008. Until that date, the conditions do not have to be followed, but should be considered for future feasibility. After that date, the conditions need to be followed as specified in the ATC conditions or your facility will be in violation. If a change needs to be made, an ATC application should be submitted to the Air District requesting a different mitigation measure chosen from the Rule. Until the revised ATC is in your hands, you are required to follow the conditions on your current ATC or Permit to Operate (PTO).

As the date of compliance gets closer, Air District inspectors will visit dairies and other confined animal operations to observe the conditions being put to practice and to check that records are being kept. Once verification has been made, the Air District will mail you a PTO.

To assist with recordkeeping, a form can be obtained from the Air District's website at: http://valleyair.org/busind/comply/compliance_forms.htm

Rule 4570 may affect your operation in many ways not mentioned in this Bulletin. Please consult the full text of the Rule at the following link <http://valleyair.org/rules/currentrules/r4570.pdf>, or call the District's Small Business Assistance at the following telephone numbers:

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