

# San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District

## Guidelines for Expedited Application Reviews (GEAR) Soil Decontamination Operations

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**Purpose:** To outline the procedures for expedited processing of Authority to Construct (ATC) applications for soil decontamination operations. These procedures will apply to processing of applications received over the counter or through the mail.

### **I. Applicability**

This policy applies to applications for Authority to Construct for new soil decontamination operations at facilities that emit no more than 10 tons/yr of volatile organic compounds (VOC) from the stationary source. (Note that decontamination activities at an existing facility should be logged into a separate stationary source).

### **II. Permit Application and Supplementary Forms**

The applicant must complete a regular ATC application form and the Soil Decontamination supplemental application form.

### **III. Priority Processing**

The applications will be processed on an expedited basis if the complete application, complete supplemental form, and filing fee for each permit unit are submitted. In order to meet the expedited time frame, the engineer assigned for preliminary review will deem the application complete (if appropriate), write the application review, and finalize the project. The application review and final ATC will be submitted to the lead engineer for review and signature.

Final action on all projects will occur within fourteen (14) days after the submittal of the complete application package.

The priority processing will be preempted if:

- The application is subject to any public noticing requirements, including school notice per CH&SC 42301.6 (within 1,000 ft of any K-12 school), or

- The application is part of a stationary source project where issuance of the permit will affect the outcome of the stationary source project.

#### **IV. Application Review**

In order to standardize the application reviews for this source category, the relevant standard application review templates found on the intranet will be used.

The hard copy version for the GEAR Policy Manual includes a copy of the required engineering evaluations with conditions and supplemental application form. The actual application review will include the Top-Down BACT analysis along with the BACT Guideline, a Health Risk Assessment (HRA), Emission Profile(s), and draft ATC(s).

The use of this standard application review will ensure:

- A. That the proposed project complies with the Best Available Control Technology (BACT) requirements as specified in the District's current BACT Clearinghouse.
- B. That the proposed project does not trigger offset requirements.
- C. That the PTO has enforceable daily emissions limitations (DEL).
- D. That the proposed project complies with all applicable prohibitory rules.

#### **VI. Authority to Construct Conditions**

To ensure uniformity, a standard set of conditions will be used as a base for all applications (see attached engineering evaluations). Additional requirements may be required on a site-specific basis.

#### **VII. Updates**

This GEAR will be updated as necessary to accommodate any changes in prohibitory rules, BACT Clearinghouse, cost information for the top-down analysis or other items affecting the policy. The Permitting Handbook will also be updated whenever this GEAR document is updated. Each update will be submitted to the GEAR coordinator for review, and the coordinator will forward the updates for the Director's approval.