

# Notice of Exemption

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**From (Public Agency):**  
San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District  
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**Project Title:** Rule Amendment 4101 Visible Emissions, District Project No. 20260272  
**Project Location (Specific):** Not applicable  
**Project Location (City):** All Cities within the San Joaquin Valley Air Basin  
**Project Location (County):** All Counties within the San Joaquin Valley Air Basin (Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, and Tulare)  
**Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:** The District is amending District Rule 4101 Visible Emissions to define the EPA as "The United States Environmental Protection Agency", and to revise the definition of an "Observer" to enable the use of new and available technology, so long as it is in accordance with EPA procedures for Method 9 certification.  
**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District  
**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District  
**Applicant Name, Address, & Phone Number:** San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District, 1990 E. Gettysburg Avenue, Fresno, CA 93726, 559-230-6000

**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: §15308 (Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment)
- Statutory Exemptions:
- Common Sense Exemption: Section 15061(b)(3)

**Reasons Why Project is Exempt:** The project is to define the EPA as "The United States Environmental Protection Agency", and to revise the definition of an "Observer" to enable the use of new and available technology, so long as it is in accordance with EPA procedures for Method 9 certification. District staff concludes that there is substantial evidence in the whole record before the District that the proposed project would not cause any adverse impacts on the environment. The District finds that the project is categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guideline §15308 (Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of Natural Resources), and finds that the project is exempt per the common-sense exemption 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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