

Notice of Exemption**Form D**

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From: California Energy Commission
 1516 Ninth Street, MS-48
 Sacramento, CA 95814

Project Applicant: Sun-Maid Growers of California

Project Title: Demonstrating an Optimized Compressed Air Energy System at the Sun-Maid Raisins Facility

Project Location – Specific: 13525 S Bethel Ave

Project Location – City: Kingsburg 93631

Project Location – County: Fresno

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The purpose of this project is to install and demonstrate an optimized compressed air system at a raisin production facility. The optimized compressed air system will feature a unique energy efficient centrifugal compressor and heat recovery technology resulting in reduced greenhouse gas emissions, energy consumption, and operating costs at the raisin production facility.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Energy Commission

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Sun-Maid Growers of California

Exempt Status: (check one)

- Ministerial Exemption (Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(1); Cal. Code Regs., tit 14, § 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(3); Cal. Code Regs., tit 14, § 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(4); Cal. Code Regs., tit 14, § 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number
Cal. Code Regs., tit 14, § 15301 ; Cal. Code Regs., tit 14, § 15303
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number.
- Common Sense Exemption. (Cal. Code Regs., tit 14, §15061(b)(3))

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project will install an optimized compressed air system at the Sun-Maid Raisins processing facility in Kingsburg, CA.

This project will involve minor alteration of existing mechanical equipment at an existing food processing facility and will result in negligible or no expansion of the existing use. The optimized compressed air system consists of air compressors, air dryers, air storage tanks, heat exchangers, and associated control systems. The materials used to construct the system are chemically inert, not hazardous to human health, and do not have a significant effect on the environment. The systems purchased have safety certifications in compliance with relevant codes and standards. In addition, all required permits for installation and operation of the system will be obtained prior to system installation and demonstration. The demonstrations will not have a significant impact on local air quality, noise, or traffic, and is expected to reduce local criteria pollutant emissions. For these reasons, the project will not have a significant effect on the environment and falls under the categorical exemption listed in 14 C.C.R. §15301.

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This project involves the construction, location, and installation of new, small facilities, structures, and equipment. In order to perform the demonstration, the system must be installed at the demonstration site. The installation will require minimal construction activity. The equipment will be placed adjacent to the facility on existing concrete pads. It is possible additional small concrete pads will be poured. This minimal construction is well within the size limits listed in the examples given in 14 C.C.R. § 15303 (e.g., it is less than a single-family residence, duplex, and the 2,500 square feet - or 10,000 square feet in urban areas - for a store, motel, office, restaurant, or similar structure). This construction will not have a significant impact on local air quality, noise, or traffic and will not induce additional operations at the site. For these reasons, the project will not have a significant effect on the environment and falls under the categorical exemption listed in 14 C.C.R. § 15303.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Kevin Uy Area code/Telephone/Ext: 916-327-1533

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature:  Date: 3/7/2019 Title: MECHANICAL ENGINEER

- Signed by Responsible Agency
- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

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