

Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk
County of:

From: (Public Agency): California Energy Commission
Fuels and Transportation Division
1516 9th Street, MS-27, Sacramento, California 95814

(Address)

Project Title: Antelope Valley Schools Transportation Agency Replacement CNG School Buses & Infrastructure

Project Applicant: Antelope Valley Schools Transportation Agency

Project Location - Specific:
670 W Avenue L8, Lancaster, California 93534

Project Location - City: Lancaster Project Location - County: Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Antelope Valley Schools Transportation Agency, a joint power authority operating school buses for numerous California public school districts, will upgrade an existing compressed natural gas (CNG) fueling site. The upgraded station will allow the joint power authority the ability to fuel recently awarded CNG school buses, allow the district to expand its CNG school bus fleet, and give other districts and outside public agencies operating CNG vehicles the opportunity to fuel at this station.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Energy Commission

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Antelope Valley Schools Transportation Agency

Exempt Status: (check one):

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
[X] Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §§ 15301, 15303
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project will upgrade existing natural gas fueling infrastructure at a fueling site owned by a joint power authority that operates a home-to-school transportation program. The project site is outdoors on developed (concrete) land. Six slow fill dispensers and a card lock system will be added to the existing station and there will be approximately 50 feet of trenching to add the compressed natural gas line to the existing slow fill station. The estimated maximum footprint of the added infrastructure is approximately 150 square feet. The project is not located at a hazardous waste site, is not located near any scenic highways, will not cause a change to a historical resource, will not generate noise or odors in excess of permitted levels and will not involve the removal of any trees or vegetation.

Reasons why project is exempt (continued):

This project is therefore categorically exempt under CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 as a minor alteration to an existing facility that involves a negligible expansion of an existing use. It is also categorically exempt under CEQA Guidelines Section 15303 as the installation of small new equipment in a small structure or as construction of a new small structure. Further, none of the exceptions to exemptions listed in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 apply to this project.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Michelle Vater Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 916-654-4831

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: _____ Title: _____

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

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