

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Solano County
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FROM: Bay Area Air Quality Management District
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SUBJECT: FILING OF NOTICE OF EXEMPTION PURSUANT TO CEQA § 21152(b) AND CEQA GUIDELINES §§ 15062.

PROJECT TITLE: UNIVAR SOLUTIONS USA, INC. - ISSUANCE OF AN AUTHORITY TO CONSTRUCT FOR INSTALLATION OF A THERMAL OXIDIZER AND BLADDER ACCUMULATOR TANK (A-6) TO REPLACE EXISTING THERMAL OXIDIZER (A-5) (APPLICATION NUMBER 30597).

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Project Applicant and Entity Carrying Out Project:

Univar Solutions USA, Inc. (Univar), 2461 Crocker Circle, Fairfield, California 94533.
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Public Agency Approving Project (Lead Agency): Bay Area Air Quality Management District (Air District), Birgitte F. Cornejo, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Solano, State of California

Project Location: 2461 Crocker Circle, Fairfield, Solano County, California 94533. Deputy: [Signature]

Project Description:

This permit action was to issue an Authority to Construct for installation of a thermal oxidizer and bladder accumulator tank (Abatement Device A-6). The goal of the project is to allow Univar to replace the existing thermal oxidizer (Abatement Device A-5).

Due to some ongoing maintenance issues, Univar removed the previous thermal oxidation system (Abatement Device A-4) and replaced the system with a temporary thermal oxidation system (Abatement Device A-5). The previous thermal oxidation system and bladder accumulator tank were removed for system upgrades which included a new afterburner and sensors. The refurbished thermal oxidizer and bladder accumulator tank (Abatement Device 6) will decrease the maximum firing rate from 3.25 MMBtu/hr to 2.13 MMBtu/hr. The refurbished thermal oxidizer will decrease the natural gas usage from 284,700 therms/yr to 186,588 therms/yr. The smaller capacity thermal oxidizer will result in no increase of emissions from the sources abated by the thermal oxidation system nor any secondary emissions from the burning of the natural gas.

Finding of and Citation to Basis for Exemption:

The Air District's approval of the project is categorically exempt from CEQA because the permitting of the project involved no or negligible expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the Air District's CEQA determination (CEQA Guidelines § 15301). The action is further exempt under the "common sense" exemption (CEQA Guidelines § 15061(b)(3)). The issuance of this Authority to Construct for the thermal oxidizer is exempt from CEQA because the permit application is for installation of air pollution control or abatement equipment and this category is exempted by the express terms of CEQA. CEQA Guidelines § 15301(f) exempts air pollution abatement devices.

Reasons for Exemption:

Issuance of this Authority to Construct does not authorize any change to, or expansion of, the existing use of either the chemical plant or the thermal oxidizer. Issuance of permit conditions changes for existing and permitted sources that involve no emissions increases or physical modifications does not expand an existing use. In addition, the applicant has included in its permit application CEQA related information (CEQA Appendix H) that demonstrates with certainty that the project has no potential for resulting in any additional or different environmental impacts beyond what is already entailed in the applicant's existing

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use of the source; the project would therefore also be subject to the "Common Sense" exemption (Guidelines § 15061(b)(3)). The air pollution abatement equipment of this project is subject to the "Addition of safety or health protection devices for use during construction of or in conjunction with existing structures, facilities, or mechanical equipment..." exemption (Guidelines 15301(f)). The Air District was required to approve the project where it complied with such standards.



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