

# Notice of Exemption

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**From (Public Agency):**

San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District  
1990 E. Gettysburg Avenue  
Fresno, CA 93726-0244  
Eric McLaughlin  
(559) 230-6000

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