

State of California

CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD

Executive Order G-714-ADF-FE04

Alternative Diesel Fuels Regulation
Fleet Exemption for Trans Valley Transport, Inc. – Merced, California

Pursuant to Sections 39600, 39601, 43013, 43018, and 43101 of the Health and Safety Code, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) adopted the Regulation on Commercialization of Alternative Diesel Fuels (ADF regulation) published at title 13, California Code of Regulations (CCR), section 2293 et seq. Effective since January 1, 2016, the ADF regulation establishes a comprehensive, multi-stage process administering the commercialization of alternative diesel fuels in California. The ADF regulation governs the introduction and use of innovative alternative diesel fuels in California while preserving or enhancing public health, environmental, and emission benefits of the existing motor vehicle diesel-fuel regulations.

The ADF regulation includes specific provisions designed to control potential increases in oxides of nitrogen (NO_x) emissions that could otherwise be caused by the use of biodiesel under certain circumstances. These in-use requirements have been in effect since January 1, 2018. The ADF regulation includes exemptions to the in-use requirements for qualifying fleets if owners or operators can demonstrate that they meet the exemption conditions specified in the ADF regulation section 2293.6(a)(5)(A)1, 2, and 3. A fleet exemption may be granted if the following conditions are met: 1) the fleet owner or operator can demonstrate to the Executive Officer that at least 90 percent of the fleet consists of a combination of light and medium duty vehicles and heavy duty NTDE vehicles; and 2) any unmitigated biodiesel approved under this Executive Order will only be used by the exempted fleet.

Trans Valley Transport, Inc (TVT Inc), headquartered in Gilroy, CA, has requested a fleet exemption for TVT Inc fleet fueling station located at 1911 Gerard Ave. Merced, CA 95341.

TVT Inc submitted their complete fleet composition list of vehicles at Merced fleet on May 25, 2021 (Confidential Attachment 1). The fleet meets the requirement that at least 90 percent of the fleet consists of a combination of light and medium duty vehicles and heavy duty vehicles with NTDEs, as specified pursuant to section 2293.6(a)(5)(A)2.

TVT Inc demonstrated that the fleet fueling facility has a centralized and specified secure fueling area. TVT Inc fleet fueling facility is centralized and secured with a 6ft.

high security fence with only one entrance that is secured by a 6ft. high chain link gate. The facility is manned 24 hours a day, 365 days per year. The facility has only one 20,000-gallon above ground fuel tank with one dispersing pump that must be activated by a card lock mechanism linked to an OPW K-800 fuel system (SN: 1811006). Each driver is issued an individual fuel card to access the fuel. This ensures only authorized drivers and vehicles can fuel at this location. This facility only fuels Trans Valley Transport fleet trucks with no retail sales or outside equipment allowed.

TVT Inc demonstrated that the fleet fueling facility has procedures or protocols in place to reasonably preclude fueling of vehicles that are not in the exempted fleet. Only the authorized vehicles specified in Confidential Attachment 1 are allowed to access or dispense fuel at this site.

In addition, TVT Inc will notify CARB of any changes to the fleet composition.

NOW, THEREFORE, (IT IS ORDERED AND RESOLVED) that the TVT Inc fleet located at 1911 Gerard Ave. Merced, CA 95341, has met all requirements for fleet exemption and is granted an exemption from the in-use requirements in section 2293.6 of the ADF regulation.

CARB reserves the right in the future to review this Executive Order Fleet Exemption to confirm that the exemption continues to meet the requirements, conditions, standards, and procedures of title 13, California Code of Regulation, section 2293, et seq.

Violation of any of the above conditions shall be grounds for revocation of this Executive Order.

Executed at Sacramento, California, this 15th day of June, 2021.



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