

State of California

CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD

Executive Order G-714-ADF-FE12

Alternative Diesel Fuels Regulation
Fleet Exemption for Four Corners Farmland Fund Stanislaus, LLC – Denair, 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 new technology diesel engine (NTDE) vehicles; and 2) any unmitigated biodiesel approved under this Executive Order will only be used by the exempted fleet.

Four Corners Farmland Fund Stanislaus, LLC (FCFFS) has requested a fleet exemption for their fleet fueling facility located at 21631 E. Keyes Road, Denair, CA 95316.

FCFFS submitted their complete fleet composition list of vehicles at Denair fleet on August 8, 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.

FCFFS demonstrated that the fleet fueling facility has a centralized and specified secure fueling area. The fueling area is fenced and monitored with security cameras. The location is more than 0.5 miles from the nearest public road and is not visible from

a public road. Access to the fueling area is limited to authorized employees and contractors of the farm managers (AM Property Services - California, LLC). During business hours, visitors are instructed via signage to check in with the farm manager prior to entering the property to limit unauthorized visitors. The area is locked during non-business hours. During non-business hours the area has security fencing and cameras to monitor the site.

FCFFS 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. The fueling site has a maintenance building attended by an on-site mechanic who monitors allocation of the fuel and controls access when fuel is being dispensed. Each employee is issued an employee identification card. Employees and contractors must show their identification card to the mechanic prior to being able to pump the fuel. The fuel log is maintained by the on-site mechanic and reviewed to ensure there are no discrepancies. Additionally, the total weekly or monthly fuel usage is monitored by the ranch manager and supervisor to ensure that the fuel volume usage meets the work performed.

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

NOW, THEREFORE, (IT IS ORDERED AND RESOLVED) that FCFFS fleet located at 21631 E. Keyes Road, Denair, CA 95316, 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 14th day of September, 2021.



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