

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency):
Imperial County Air Pollution Control District
150 S 9th Street, El Centro, CA 92243

County Clerk
County of: Imperial

(Address)

Project Title: El Toro Land & Cattle Nichols Road

Project Applicant: Blake Plourd

Project Location - Specific:

910 Nichols Road, El Centro, California 92243 - PTN LY SW OF EUCALYPTUS CANAL TR 91 T16S R13E

Project Location - City: El Centro Project Location - County: Imperial

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The issuance of an air permit for the operation of an existing large confined animal facility assuring the operation of the facility does not interfere with the attainment or maintenance of Ambient Air Quality Standards.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Imperial County Air Pollution Control District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Imperial County Air Pollution Control District

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));
Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 1 action section 15301 of CEQA Guidelines
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

The facility has been in operation for over 20 years, involves no increases in the historical number of head of cattle, no increases in emissions and no expansion of the footprint of the facility has been proposed as part of this project.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Monica N Soucier Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (442) 265-1800

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: Monica N Soucier Date: 02/13/2026 Title: APC Division Manager

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Date Received for filing at OPR:
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.



CERTIFICATE OF DETERMINATION

PROJECT: Issuance of an Authority to Construct/Permit to Operate (ATC/PTO) #4822
 Ref: Public Resources Code Section 21065 (c)
 Ref: ICAPCD Rule 201 Section (C)

LOCATION: 910 Nichols Rd., El Centro, CA

APPLICANT: El Toro Land & Cattle

This certificate of determination certifies that the issuance of an authority to construct/permit to operate for the operation of a Large Confined Animal Facility by El Toro Land & Cattle at 910 Nichols Road in El Centro, California is not subject to Public Resources Code, Division 13; Environmental Quality pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 21080.

The issuance of the ATC/PTO to El Toro Land & Cattle falls under Public Resources Code § 21080 subsection (b)(9), where all classes of projects listed pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21084 are determined not to have a significant effect on the environment.

- Reference CEQA Guidelines Article 19; Categorical Exemption § 15301, Existing Facilities.

Below is the historical air analysis for the proposed Large Confined Animal Facility.

El Toro Land & Cattle Nichols Road

DATE	NAME	PERMIT #	ANIMAL UNITS	PM ₁₀ VOC		PM ₁₀ VOC		PM ₁₀ VOC			
				UNCONTROLLED tons/year		CONTROLLED tons/year		CONTROLLED lbs/day			
				PM Factor 2.64	VOC Factor 2.75						
Mar 19, 2007	Phillips	3652	32	84.48	88.00	42.24	61.16	231.30	334.90		
Sep 18, 2023	Phillips	3652A	32	84.48	88.00	42.24	61.16	231.30	334.90		
Mar 07, 2024	Phillips	3652A	<i>PERMIT CLOSED - EFFECTIVE 12/31/2023 OUT OF BUSINESS</i>								
Sep 18, 2025	<i>New Owner - Application submitted (Prior permit remained closed, no activity for 18 months)</i>										
Pending issue	El Toro Land & Cattle	3652A	32	84.48	88.00	42.24	61.16	231.30	334.90		
		CHANGE	No Change	No Change	No Change	No Change	No Change	No Change	No Change		

Certification of Determination

DATE: 2/13/2026

NAME: Monica N. Soucier

TITLE: APC Division Manager