

# Notice of Exemption

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To:  Office of Planning and Research  
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From (Applicant/Lead agency):  
Orange County Sanitation District  
10844 Ellis Avenue  
Fountain Valley, CA 92708

Orange County Clerk Recorder  
601 North Ross Street  
Santa Ana, CA 92701-0238

**Project Title:** Super Critical Water Oxidation Pilot at Plant No. 1, Project No. RE21-01

**Project Applicant:** Orange County Sanitation District, 10844 Ellis Ave. Fountain Valley, CA 92708

**Project Location (specific):** 10844 Ellis Ave. **Cross Street:** Ward Street

**Project Location - City:** Fountain Valley **Project Location — County:** Orange

**Description of Project:** This research project (project) will scale up a pilot process technology design. This process technology was developed by Duke University simplifying the treating of raw primary and secondary sludge, biosolids and food waste. Part of the project will document the ability of the system to destroy plastics, PFAS type compounds, and other constituent of emerging concerns that can be concentrated in sludge streams.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** Orange County Sanitation District  
10844 Ellis Avenue  
Fountain Valley, CA 92708

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Orange County Sanitation District  
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Fountain Valley, CA 92708

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: CEQA Guidelines Class 6 Section § 15306  
 Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The project is categorically exempt from CEQA under Class 6 categorical exemption set forth in California Code of Regulations section 15306. Section 15306 (Class 6) covers basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities, which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. This activity is exempt because it consists of basic data collection and research activities that do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource.

## Lead Agency

**Contact Person:** Adam Nazaroff Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (714) 593-7854

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: Engineering Supervisor

Signed by Lead Agency