



San Joaquin Valley

AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT

May 25, 2010

Mr. David Kelly
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Re: Fireplace retrofitting and SJVAPCD Rule 4901

Dear Mr. Kelly,

The San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD) staff has reviewed your March 25, 2010 inquiry regarding the HearthCAT™ Retrofit System. Per your request, we are providing this letter in response to your question of how a device such as the HearthCAT™ might be used as a retrofit in San Joaquin Valley homes with existing wood burning fireplaces.

SJVAPCD Rule 4901 (Wood Burning Fireplaces and Wood Burning Heaters) limits the number of wood burning fireplaces that can be installed in new residential developments (Rule 4901 Section 5.3). Rule 4901 neither prohibits nor requires the retrofitting of existing wood burning fireplaces. There may be other State and local building code standards that apply to installation and use of such a product (for example, Fresno County Ordinance Code 15.08.020(S)). Where allowed, voluntary retrofitting of existing wood burning fireplaces with emissions-reducing devices can contribute to improved air quality in the San Joaquin Valley, as compared to wood burning devices without such a technology.

Through Rule 4901, the SJVAPCD issues Wood Burning Prohibitions by county or forecast area from November 1 – February 28 based on forecasted air quality. When and where there is a Wood Burning Prohibition in effect, no wood burning fireplaces are to be used, even if a wood burning fireplace has been retrofitted with an emissions control device.

If you have any questions or if you need additional information, please contact me at (559) 230-5800 or Jessica Fierro of my staff at (559) 230-5836.

Sincerely,



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