

When do I need an Authority to Construct (ATC)?

1. Before you make any changes that will change the emissions at your dairy, you must **file for and receive a permit** from the District prior to the modification. This is called an Authority to Construct (ATC) Permit and does not necessarily mean that you have to construct anything.
2. Permitted farms or dairies are required to submit an application for Authority to Construct (ATC) to the District **prior** to installing or modifying equipment that causes or controls air emissions (increases or decreases emissions).
3. To ensure that equipment or the modifications at the dairy complies with all air pollution regulations, the ATC must be issued by the District prior to installing any equipment or modifying your dairy.
4. For example: Dairies must get an ATC before:
 - Building or expanding cow housing. This includes converting open corrals to freestalls.
 - Building or expanding liquid or solid manure management operations (e.g. lagoon, solids separators, etc.).
 - Building or modifying a milk barn or commodities barn.
 - Adding, modifying or replacing any engine rated over 50 horsepower (driving pumps, generators, etc.).
 - Adding, replacing, or modifying gasoline tanks.
 - Increasing the herd size beyond your permitted (PTO) animal population number.
4. District staff are available to help determine whether an ATC is required and explain the permitting process. Contact the Small Business Assistance (SBA) office at any of the following SBA Hotline numbers.
5. Submit the application along with the supplemental applications to any District regional office.

Northern Region Office
(Serving San Joaquin, Stanislaus,
and Merced Counties):

4800 Enterprise Way
Modesto, California 95356
(209) 557-6400
SBA Hotline: (209) 557-6446

Central Region Office
(Serving Madera, Fresno, and
Kings Counties):

1990 E. Gettysburg Avenue
Fresno, California 93726-0244
(559) 230-5900
SBA Hotline: (559) 230-5888

Southern Region Office
(Serving Tulare and Kern Counties):

34946 Flyover Court
Bakersfield, California 93308-9725
(661) 392-5500
SBA Hotline: (661) 392-5665

6. After receipt of a completed application, the District will prepare an engineering evaluation document for compliance with regulations and issue an ATC to the applicant. This ATC will contain all operating and recordkeeping conditions. Please be aware that you must comply with all the conditions in the permit.