

San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District
Central REGION HEARING BOARD MEETING

Central Region Office Governing Board Room
1990 E. Gettysburg Ave., Fresno, CA 93726

ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES

Wednesday, December 19, 2012

*Meeting held via teleconferencing with the
Central Region Office (Fresno)*

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The Chair, Jerry Boren, called the meeting to order at 9:59 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Jerry Boren (Chair) - Engineer	Present
Elizabeth Jonasson - Public	Present
Jim Waterman - Attorney	Present
Gerry Mulligan - Public	Present
Dr. Lorraine Goodwin, M.D. – Medical	Present

Staff Present:

Central Region (Fresno): Patrick Houlihan, Senior Air Quality Specialist; Ryan Hayashi, Supervising Air Quality Specialist; Annette Ballatore-Williamson, Legal Counsel; Carol Flores, Operations and Program Support Supervisor

3. APPROVE MINUTES OF November 21, 2012

The Chair asked if there were any comments regarding the Minutes for November 21, 2012. Hearing no comments, the Chair declared the minutes were approved as submitted.

4. PUBLIC HEARING

The Chair swore in all those present to testify for all matters.

<u>Docket No.</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Company Name</u>
A. C-12-18S	Short	Saint Gobain Containers, Inc. 24441 Avenue 12 Madera, CA 93637

Petitioners: Sangeetha Arunagiri

Patrick Houlihan presented the Staff Report.

SGCI has requested a short variance from the requirements of District Rules 2070.7.0, 2201, 2520, 4101, and 4354 in addition to the applicable conditions of the PTOs. The requested short variance would begin on December 24, 2012, and end no later than December 27, 2012. If granted, the variance would allow the continued operation of the glass melting furnace, and continued glass production in idle mode,

with excess visible emissions while SGCI shuts down the EP and scrubber to perform required maintenance on the control equipment.

Ms. Jonasson asked if other companies apply for a variance during annual maintenance. Mr. Houlihan explained companies follow the manufacturers' maintenance requirements and may not exceed allowed emissions to necessitate applying for a variance. Mr. Hayashi added the District routinely inspects Title V facilities to ensure maintenance up to specifications of manufacturer.

Dr. Goodwin asked if 85% of the emissions were black or white. Ms. Arunagiri responded she has not physically seen the emissions and did not have the information available. Dr. Goodwin expressed concern with maintenance performed during the holiday season and more persons being exposed to the emissions. Mr. Hayashi explained the excessive visible emissions are not generated from glass production combustion. Ms. Arunagiri explained the visible emissions are debris deposited on the bypass duct. Dr. Goodwin discussed filters as an option to trap emissions.

Dr. Goodwin asked the time period the opacity will occur. Ms. Arunagiri explained the process of the maintenance when the furnaces exhaust stream will bypass the EP and scrubber. Dr. Goodwin asked if there would be a public notice. Mr. Houlihan explained staff is made aware of maintenance in case there are complaints. Mr. Hayashi explained the area is not heavily populated. Ms. Arunagiri explained the facility is not within 1,000 feet of a residential area.

Mr. Waterman asked what the excess visible emissions were composed of. Ms. Arunagiri explained there has not been an analysis of the dust. Mr. Mulligan suggested the dust may be something like the dust in a heater when first turned on.

Mr. Houlihan requested a brief presentation of the operations of the facility. Ms. Arunagiri stated she will make a presentation the next time.

Public Comments: None

Having decided the petition has met the required findings, on motion of Mr. Mulligan and seconded by Dr. Goodwin, it was passed 4-1 with Waterman casting a dissenting vote.

5. EMERGENCY VARIANCE

The Central Region Hearing Board granted two emergency variances since the November 21, 2012, Hearing.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comment.

7. HEARING BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Dr. Goodwin asked what the expectation is regarding continuing education. Mr. Hayashi explained there is no obligation to attend seminars.

Ms. Jonasson asked what the District provides for continuing education. Ms. Williamson stated she will obtain the educational requirements for the Hearing Board Members and report at the next meeting.

8. NEW BUSINESS
None.

9. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING
The next scheduled meeting is January 16, 2013. The meeting will be held in the Central Region Office (Fresno) in the Governing Board room.

10. ADJOURN
The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:41 a.m.