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Mr. Kenneth Bork
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**Re: Final - Authority to Construct / COC (Significant Mod)
District Facility # S-1372
Project # 1114818**

Dear Mr. Bork:

The Air Pollution Control Officer has issued an Authority to Construct (S-1372-411-0) with a Certificate of Conformity to Plains Exploration & Production Company at the Hopkins Lease in the South Belridge Field, within the SE/4 of Section 10, Township 29S, Range 21E. Plains Exploration & Production Company has requested an Authority to Construct (ATC) for the installation of a 85 MMBtu/hr natural gas-fired steam generator.

Enclosed is the Authority to Construct. The application and proposal were sent to US EPA Region IX on April 4, 2012. No comments were received following the District's preliminary decision on this project.

The notice of final decision for this project will be published approximately three days from the date of this letter.

Prior to operating with modifications authorized by the Authority to Construct, you must submit an application to modify the Title V permit as an administrative amendment in accordance with District Rule 2520, Section 11.5.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Leonard Scandura, Permit Services Manager, at (661) 392-5500.

Sincerely,

David Warner
Director of Permit Services

DW: DBT/cm

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**Re: Final - Authority to Construct / COC (Significant Mod)
District Facility # S-1372
Project # 1114818**

Dear Mr. Tollstrup:

The Air Pollution Control Officer has issued an Authority to Construct (S-1372-411-0) with a Certificate of Conformity to Plains Exploration & Production Company at the Hopkins Lease in the South Belridge Field, within the SE/4 of Section 10, Township 29S, Range 21E. Plains Exploration & Production Company has requested an Authority to Construct (ATC) for the installation of a 85 MMBtu/hr natural gas-fired steam generator.

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**NOTICE OF FINAL DECISION
FOR THE ISSUANCE OF AUTHORITY TO CONSTRUCT AND
THE PROPOSED SIGNIFICANT MODIFICATION OF FEDERALLY
MANDATED OPERATING PERMIT**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District has made its final decision to issue an Authority to Construct to Plains Exploration & Production Company for their heavy oil production facility located at the Hopkins Lease in the South Belridge Field, within the SE/4 of Section 10, Township 29S, Range 21E, California. Plains Exploration & Production Company has requested an Authority to Construct (ATC) for the installation of a 85 MMBtu/hr natural gas-fired steam generator.

The District's analysis of the legal and factual basis for this proposed action, project #1114818, is available for public inspection at the District office at the address below. For additional information regarding this matter, please contact Mr. Leonard Scandura, Permit Services Manager, at (661) 392-5500, or contact David Warner, Director of Permit Services, in writing at SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT, 34946 FLYOVER COURT, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93308.



AUTHORITY TO CONSTRUCT

PERMIT NO: S-1372-411-0

ISSUANCE DATE: 05/14/2012

LEGAL OWNER OR OPERATOR: PLAINS EXPLORATION & PRODUCTION COMPANY

MAILING ADDRESS: ATTN: KENNETH BORK
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BAKERSFIELD, CA 93309

LOCATION: HEAVY OIL WESTERN STATIONARY SOURCE
CA

SECTION: SE 10 **TOWNSHIP:** 29 S **RANGE:** 21 E

EQUIPMENT DESCRIPTION:

85 MMBTU/HR NATURAL GAS-FIRED STEAM GENERATOR WITH NORTH AMERICAN MODEL MAGNA FLAME G-LE ULTRA LOW NOX BURNER AND FLUE GAS RECIRCULATION (GENERATOR #68)

CONDITIONS

1. This Authority to Construct serves as a written certificate of conformity with the procedural requirements of 40 CFR 70.7 and 70.8 and with the compliance requirements of 40 CFR 70.6(c). [District Rule 2201] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
2. Prior to operating with modifications authorized by this Authority to Construct, the facility shall submit an application to modify the Title V permit with an administrative amendment in accordance with District Rule 2520 Section 5.3.4. [District Rule 2520, 5.3.4] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
3. This unit shall be equipped with a convection section with at least 235 square feet of heat transfer surface area per MMBtu/hr of maximum rated heat input (verified by manufacturer). [CEQA]
4. This unit shall be equipped with variable frequency drive high efficiency electrical motors driving the blower and water pump. [CEQA]
5. The exhaust stack shall vent vertically upward. The vertical exhaust flow shall not be impeded by a rain cap (flapper ok), roof overhang, or any other obstruction. [District Rule 4102]
6. The steam generator exhaust stack shall be at least 25 feet high. [District Rule 4102]

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YOU **MUST** NOTIFY THE DISTRICT COMPLIANCE DIVISION AT (661) 392-5500 WHEN CONSTRUCTION IS COMPLETED AND PRIOR TO OPERATING THE EQUIPMENT OR MODIFICATIONS AUTHORIZED BY THIS AUTHORITY TO CONSTRUCT. This is NOT a PERMIT TO OPERATE. Approval or denial of a PERMIT TO OPERATE will be made after an inspection to verify that the equipment has been constructed in accordance with the approved plans, specifications and conditions of this Authority to Construct, and to determine if the equipment can be operated in compliance with all Rules and Regulations of the San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District. Unless construction has commenced pursuant to Rule 2050, this Authority to Construct shall expire and application shall be cancelled two years from the date of issuance. The applicant is responsible for complying with all laws, ordinances and regulations of all other governmental agencies which may pertain to the above equipment.

Seyed Sadredin, Executive Director / APCO



DAVID WARNER, Director of Permit Services

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7. Particulate matter emissions shall not exceed 0.1 grain/dscf at operating conditions, nor 0.1 grain/dscf calculated to 12% CO₂, nor 10 lb/hr. [District Rules 4201, 4301, 5.1 and 5.2.3] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
8. No air contaminant shall be discharged into the atmosphere for a period or periods aggregating more than three minutes in any one hour which is as dark as, or darker than, Ringelmann 1 or 20% opacity. [District Rule 4101] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
9. The unit shall only be fired on PUC-quality natural gas. [District Rules 2201 and 4320] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
10. Duration of start-up and shutdown shall not exceed 2 hours each per occurrence. [District Rules 2201, 4305, 4306, and 4320] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
11. Emission rates, except during startup and shutdown shall not exceed: NO_x (as NO_x): 7 ppmvd @ 3% O₂. [District Rule 2201, 4305, 4306, and 4320] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
12. Emission rates shall not exceed any of the following: SO_x:0.00285 lb/MMBtu; PM₁₀: 0.0076 lb/MMBtu; CO: 50 ppmvd @ 3% O₂; or VOC: 0.0055 lb/MMBtu. [District Rule 2201] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
13. Emissions rate of NO_x shall not exceed 20.6 lb/day nor 6344 lb/yr. [District Rule 2201] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
14. Permittee shall maintain records of duration of each start-up and shutdown for a period of five years and make such records readily available for District inspection upon request. [District Rule 4320] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
15. A source test to demonstrate compliance with NO_x and CO emission limits shall be performed within 60 days of startup of this unit. [District Rules 2201 and 4320] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
16. Source testing to measure natural gas-combustion NO_x and CO emissions from this unit shall be conducted at least once every twelve (12) months (no more than 30 days before or after the required annual source test date). After demonstrating compliance on two (2) consecutive annual source tests, the unit shall be tested not less than once every thirty-six (36) months (no more than 30 days before or after the required 36-month source test date). If the result of the 36-month source test demonstrates that the unit does not meet the applicable emission limits, the source testing frequency shall revert to at least once every twelve (12) months. [District Rules 2201, 4305, 4306 and 4320] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
17. Source testing shall be conducted using the methods and procedures approved by the District. The District must be notified at least 30 days prior to any compliance source test, and a source test plan must be submitted for approval at least 15 days prior to testing. [District Rule 1081] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
18. For emissions source testing, the arithmetic average of three 30-consecutive-minute test runs shall apply. If two of three runs are above an applicable limit the test cannot be used to demonstrate compliance with an applicable limit. [District Rules 2201, 4305, 4306 and 4320] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
19. The following test methods shall be used: NO_x (ppmv) - EPA Method 7E or ARB Method 100, NO_x (lb/MMBtu) - EPA Method 19; CO (ppmv) - EPA Method 10 or ARB Method 100; Stack gas oxygen (O₂) - EPA Method 3 or 3A or ARB Method 100; stack gas velocities - EPA Method 2; Stack gas moisture content - EPA Method 4; SO_x - EPA Method 6C or 8 or ARB Method 100; fuel gas sulfur as H₂S content - EPA Method 11 or 15; and fuel hhv (MMBtu) - ASTM D 1826 or D 1945 in conjunction with ASTM D 3588. [District Rule 2201, 4305, 4306, 4320] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
20. The source test plan shall identify which basis (ppmv or lb/MMBtu) will be used to demonstrate compliance. [District Rules 4305, 4306 and 4320] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
21. The results of each source test shall be submitted to the District within 60 days thereafter. [District Rule 1081] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
22. The permittee shall monitor and record the stack concentration of NO_x, CO, and O₂ at least once every month (in which a source test is not performed) using a portable analyzer that meets District specifications. Monitoring shall not be required if the unit is not in operation, i.e. the unit need not be started solely to perform monitoring. Monitoring shall be performed within 5 days of restarting the unit unless monitoring has been performed within the last month. [District Rules 4305, 4306, and 4320] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit

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23. If the NOx or CO concentrations corrected to 3%, as measured by the portable analyzer, exceed the applicable emission limit, the permittee shall return the emissions to within the acceptable range as soon as possible, but no longer than 1 hour of operation after detection. If the portable analyzer readings continue to exceed the allowable emissions concentration after 1 hour of operation after detection, the permittee shall notify the District within the following 1 hour and conduct a certified source test within 60 days of the first exceedance. In lieu of conducting a source test, the permittee may stipulate a violation has occurred, subject to enforcement action. The permittee must then correct the violation, show compliance has been re-established, and resume monitoring procedures. If the deviations are the result of a qualifying breakdown condition pursuant to Rule 1100, the permittee may fully comply with Rule 1100 in lieu of performing the notification and testing required by this condition. [District Rules 4102, 4305, 4306 and 4320] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
24. All NOx, CO, and O2 emission readings shall be taken with the unit operating either at conditions representative of normal operations or conditions specified in the Permit to Operate. The NOx, CO, and O2 analyzer shall be calibrated, maintained, and operated in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications and recommendations or a protocol approved by the APCO. Emission readings taken shall be averaged over a 15 consecutive-minute sample period by either taking a cumulative 15 consecutive-minute sample reading or by taking at least five (5) readings, evenly spaced out over the 15 consecutive minute period. [District Rules 4102, 4305, 4306 and 4320] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
25. The permittee shall maintain records of: (1) the date and time of NOx, CO and O2 measurements, (2) the O2 concentration in percent by volume and the measured NOx and CO concentrations corrected to 3% O2, (3) make and model of exhaust gas analyzer, (4) exhaust gas analyzer calibration records, and (5) a description of any corrective action taken to maintain the emissions within the acceptable range. [District Rules 4305, 4306 and 4320] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
26. All emissions measurements shall be made with the unit operating either at conditions representative of normal operations or conditions specified in the Permit to Operate. Unless otherwise specified in the PTO, no determination of compliance shall be established within two hours after a continuous period in which fuel flow to the unit is shut off for 30 minutes or longer, or within 30 minutes after a re-ignition as defined in Section 3.0 of District Rule 4320. For the purposes of permittee-performed alternate monitoring, emissions measurements may be performed at any time after the unit reaches conditions representative of normal operation. [District Rules 4305, 4306 and 4320] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
27. Shorter time periods for demonstration of compliance after startup or re-ignition may be approved by the APCO by submittal of appropriate technical justification upon implementation of this ATC. [District Rule 2201] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
28. PUC quality natural gas is any gaseous fuel where the sulfur content is no more than one-fourth (0.25) grain of hydrogen sulfide per one hundred (100) standard cubic feet, no more than five (5) grains of total sulfur per one hundred (100) standard cubic feet, and at least 80% methane by volume. [District Rule 4320] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
29. If the steam generator is not fired on PUC-regulated natural gas and compliance is achieved through fuel sulfur content limitations, then the sulfur content of the fuel shall be determined by testing sulfur content at a location after all fuel sources are combined prior to incineration, or by performing mass balance calculations based on monitoring the sulfur content and volume of each fuel source. The sulfur content of the fuel shall be determined using the test methods referenced in this permit. [District Rule 4320] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
30. When complying with sulfur emission limits by fuel analysis or by a combination of source testing and fuel analysis, permittee shall demonstrate compliance at least annually. [District Rule 4320] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
31. If the unit is fired on PUC-regulated natural gas, valid purchase contracts, supplier certifications, tariff sheets, or transportation contracts may be used to satisfy the fuel sulfur content analysis, provided they establish the fuel sulfur concentration and higher heating value. [District Rule 4320] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
32. All records shall be maintained and retained on-site for a minimum of five (5) years, and shall be made available for District inspection upon request. [District Rules 1070, 4305, 4306 and 4320] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit

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33. The permittee shall obtain written District approval for the use of any equivalent equipment not specifically approved by this ATC. Approval of the equivalent equipment shall be made in writing and only after the District's determination that the submitted design and performance of the proposed alternative equipment is equivalent to the authorized equipment. [District Rule 2010] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
34. The permittee's request for approval of equivalent equipment shall include the make, model, manufacturer's maximum rating, manufacturer's guaranteed emissions rates, equipment drawing(s) and operational characteristics/parameters. [District Rule 2010] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
35. Prior to operating equipment under this Authority to Construct, permittee shall surrender NOX emission reduction credits for the following quantity of emissions: 1st quarter - 2379 lb, 2nd quarter - 2379 lb, 3rd quarter - 2379 lb, and fourth quarter - 2379 lb. These amounts include the applicable offset ratio specified in Rule 2201 Section 4.8 (as amended 4/21/11) for the ERC specified below. [District Rule 2201]
36. ERC Certificate Numbers N-866-2 (or a certificate split from this certificate) shall be used to supply the required offsets, unless a revised offsetting proposal is received and approved by the District, upon which this Authority to Construct shall be reissued, administratively specifying the new offsetting proposal. Original public noticing requirements, if any, shall be duplicated prior to reissuance of this Authority to Construct. [District Rule 2201]
37. Prior to operating equipment under this Authority to Construct, permittee shall surrender VOC emission reduction credits for the following quantity of emissions: 1st quarter - 1536 lb, 2nd quarter - 1536 lb, 3rd quarter - 1536 lb, and fourth quarter - 1536 lb. These amounts include the applicable offset ratio specified in Rule 2201 Section 4.8 (as amended 4/21/11) for the ERC specified below. [District Rule 2201]
38. ERC Certificate Number N-924-1 (or a certificate split from this certificate) shall be used to supply the required offsets, unless a revised offsetting proposal is received and approved by the District, upon which this Authority to Construct shall be reissued, administratively specifying the new offsetting proposal. Original public noticing requirements, if any, shall be duplicated prior to reissuance of this Authority to Construct. [District Rule 2201]
39. Prior to operating equipment under this Authority to Construct, permittee shall surrender PM10 emission reduction credits for the following quantity of emissions: 1st quarter - 1676 lb, 2nd quarter - 1676 lb, 3rd quarter - 1676 lb, and fourth quarter - 1676 lb. These amounts include the applicable offset ratio specified in Rule 2201 Section 4.8 (as amended 4/21/11) for the ERC specified below. [District Rule 2201]
40. ERC Certificate Number N-1006-5 (or a certificate split from this certificate) shall be used to supply the required offsets, unless a revised offsetting proposal is received and approved by the District, upon which this Authority to Construct shall be reissued, administratively specifying the new offsetting proposal. Original public noticing requirements, if any, shall be duplicated prior to reissuance of this Authority to Construct. [District Rule 2201]
41. Prior to operating equipment under this Authority to Construct, permittee shall surrender SOx emission reduction credits for the following quantities of emissions: 1st quarter - 796 lb, 2nd quarter - 796 lb, 3rd quarter - 796 lb, and fourth quarter - 796 lb. Offsets shall be provided at the applicable offset ratio specified in section 4.8 of Rule 2201 (as amended 4/21/11). [District Rule 2201]
42. ERC Certificate Number N-1006-5 (or a certificate split from this certificate) shall be used to supply the required offsets, unless a revised offsetting proposal is received and approved by the District, upon which this Authority to Construct shall be reissued, administratively specifying the new offsetting proposal. Original public noticing requirements, if any, shall be duplicated prior to reissuance of this Authority to Construct [District Rule 2201]