

Action Summary Minutes

CENTRAL REGION HEARING BOARD MEETING

Central Region Office Governing Board Room

1990 E. Gettysburg Ave., Fresno, CA 93726

Wednesday, Jan 20, 2010, 10:00 a.m.

MINUTES

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER:**

The Chair, Jerry Boren, called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

2. **ROLL CALL:**

Jerry Boren – Engineer	Present
Robert Schumacher – public	Present
Jim Waterman – attorney	Present
Dr. James Glaser, M.D. - medical	Present

Staff present – Central Region (Fresno): Patrick Houlihan, Senior Air Quality Specialist; Ryan Hayashi, Supervising Air Quality Specialist; Catherine Redmond, District Counsel; Lynn Sargenti, Senior Office Assistant; Cristina Montoya, Office Assistant.

3. Approval of Minutes from October 21, 2009

4. **PUBLIC HEARING:**

The Chair asked the Clerk to verify that all items had been properly noticed. The Clerk responded that they had. All those present to testify were sworn in by the Chair. The Chair asked that the agenda packet and any addenda brought forth to be entered into the official record.

A. C-09-17R Utility Vault, a division of Oldcastle
801 S. Pine
Madera, CA 93637

Petitioner: Ryan Wade

Patrick Houlihan presented the staff report. Changes were noted on page 3, condition 1, variance end date and page 4, condition 9, due date for the facility to submit the report to the District.

Mr. Houlihan stated that the facility is currently operating with excess VOC emissions, but has reduced their production at this time to only critical components to eliminate some of the excess VOC's until the RTO can be installed. Based on last failed source test, it is estimated they will put out about a half pound of VOC's per day above what the permit allows.

Mr. Houlihan stated that the final compliance date would be extended to June 30, 2010 rather than May 31, 2010, in order to ensure they are able to complete the installation without requiring an extension of the variance. This changed the excess VOC emissions during the variance period from 32 pounds to 81 pounds.

Changes were made to the following conditions: page 3, Condition 1 - variance end time changed from May 31, 2010 to June 30, 2010. Page 4, Condition 9 – the due date the facility is required to submit a report has been changed from June 15, 2010 to July 15, 2010, or 15 days after achieving compliance, whichever comes first.

Mr. Schumacher asked Mr. Houlihan and Mr. Wade if there is another manufacturer with this type of equipment or product located in the valley in order to determine if the product is better worked with in the winter rather than the summer. Mr. Houlihan stated that there was one in Corcoran, but was not familiar with their operation.

There was further discussion between the petitioner and board members regarding the production of this product and other methods or equipment that others might be using to capture the emissions. Mr. Wade responded stating they have spoken to and are meeting with other companies regarding the equipment used to capture the emissions. Mr. Wade explained the RTO equipment and how it compares to other emissions capturing equipment.

Mr. Boren asked for clarification regarding the perspective of a half pound a day of VOC emissions and how it compares to other companies and the significance. Mr. Houlihan explained that this is pretty minute, but in relation to other factories and industries he was unsure.

Mr. Boren and Mr. Houlihan discussed the issue of what is considered acceptable emissions when a variance is being requested and how the determination is made.

Mr. Houlihan explained the BACT policy and how it affects different manufacturers and the efficiency that is required with their control equipment.

There was some brief discussion between Mr. Waterman and Mr. Wade regarding their product and operations.

Public Comment: No public comments.

Moved: Waterman
Seconded: Glaser

Ayes: Waterman, Schumacher, Boren, Glaser
Nos: None
Abstain: None

The Hearing Board voted unanimously to grant the variance with the changes to Condition 1, page 3, and Condition 9, page 4.

B. C-09-25S California Air National Guard
5323 E. McKinley Ave.
Fresno, CA 93727

The petitioner requested a continuance until May 19, 2010.

5. The Central Region Hearing Board heard and approved three emergency variance requests since the October, 2009 Hearing. Docket C-09-22E, Dinuba Energy; Docket C-09-23E, CertainTeed Corporation; Docket C-09-24E, Saint Gobain Containers, Inc.
6. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** No public comments.
7. **HEARING BOARD COMMENTS:** None.
8. **NEW BUSINESS:** Mr. Waterman asked Mr. Houlihan about the stipend increase request. Mr. Houlihan stated that the Clerk to the Boards, Ms. DeSantiago, is still processing this, but that he has not heard any further information at this time.

Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for 2010. Mr. Waterman moved that the officers remain the same. The Board members agreed unanimously.

Mr. Houlihan passed along a thank you to the board members from Guardian Industries for their assistance in getting within compliance.

9. **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**: February 17, 2010. This meeting will be held in the Central Region Office (Fresno) in the Governing Board room.
10. **ADJOURNMENT**: The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:24 a.m.