

**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, June 19, 2013**

*Meeting held via teleconferencing with the  
Central Region Office (Fresno) and the  
Northern Region Office (Modesto) participating via teleconferencing*

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The Chair, Jerry Boren, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Jerry Boren (Chair) - Engineer	Present
Gerry Mulligan - Public	Present
Dr. Lorraine Goodwin, M.D. – Medical	Present
Daniel Hartwig – Public	Present

Staff Present:

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

Southern Region (Bakersfield): Amelia Yuan, Supervising Air Quality Inspector

3. APPROVE MINUTES OF May 15, 2013

The Chair asked if there were any comments regarding the Minutes for May, 2013. 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-13-07S	Short	Chevron USA, Inc. 13D Oil Cleaning Plant Coalinga Oil Field Coalinga, CA

Petitioners: Lance Erickson, Aric Murfield and Michael Herron

Patrick Houlihan presented the Staff Report.

CUSA has requested a short variance from the applicable requirements of District Rules 2010, 2070.7.0, 2201, 2520, 4401, and 4623 in addition to conditions of the subject Authorities to Construct (ATCs) and Permits to Operate (PTOs). The requested short variance period would be for a consecutive 30-day period to occur

sometime between July 1, 2013, and September 28, 2013, inclusive. If granted, the variance would provide relief to CUSA from having to incinerate the tank VRS and casing collection system vapors in the steam generators as required by the conditions of the permits. It would also allow wells with closed casing gas collection vents to produce into storage tanks that are not controlled by a VRS. Lastly, it would allow CUSA to continue to store VOC containing liquids in the subject tanks without a functional or operating VRS.

Mr. Houlihan presented photos that illustrated the facility.

Mr. Mulligan asked if each tank is able to be shut down independently as the pipe is replaced. Mr. Erickson explained the VRS will be shut down during the repairs. Mr. Herron added the VRS will be shut down beginning with the repairs of the first tank. He noted the tanks will be repaired consecutively.

Mr. Boren asked the estimated time period for the VRS system to be shut down. Mr. Herron responded the VRS system down time is estimated to be 15 days but the length of time largely depends on the contractor.

Mr. Hartwig asked the age of the line being replaced. Mr. Erickson responded the lines were installed in the 1980's. Mr. Hartwig asked if the stainless steel will have a longer lifetime. Mr. Erickson responded affirmatively.

Dr. Goodwin asked the cost of the upgrade. Mr. Herron explained the cost of the stainless steel materials are approximately \$1.4 million. Dr. Goodwin expressed concern regarding the fire season in the Valley and the extra particulate matter generated from this project.

Mr. Hartwig asked the location of the gas after it goes through the compressor. Mr. Murfield explained the gas is incinerated. Mr. Erickson added the heat is recovered as a source of enhancement of production.

Public Comments: None

Having decided the petition has met the required findings, on motion of Dr. Goodwin and seconded by Mr. Hartwig, unanimously passed, the petitioner was granted a short variance.

5. EMERGENCY VARIANCE

The Central Region Hearing Board has not heard nor granted any emergency variances since the May 15, 2013, Hearing.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comment.

7. HEARING BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

None

8. NEW BUSINESS

None.

9. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next scheduled meeting is July 17, 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 10:22 a.m.