

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, March 20, 2013

*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 10:02 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Jerry Boren (Chair) - Engineer	Present
Jim Waterman - Attorney	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; Ryan Hayashi, Supervising Air Quality Specialist; Catherine Redmond, Legal Counsel; Carol Flores, Operations and Program Support Supervisor

3. APPROVE MINUTES OF January 16, 2013

The Chair asked if there were any comments regarding the Minutes for January 16, 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.

Mr. Boren stated the facility has a petitioner in the Bakersfield office. Ms. Redmond noted the agenda did not state the hearing will be teleconferenced in the Southern Regional office and therefore, according to the Brown Act the petitioner in Bakersfield cannot participate.

<u>Docket No.</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Company Name</u>
A. C-13-02S	Short	Chevron USA, Inc. 13D Oil Cleaning Plants Coalinga Oil Field Coalinga, CA

Petitioners: Lance Ericksen and Aric Murfield

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 48-hours period to occur sometime between March 21, 2013, and June 18, 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 a photo to illustrate location of equipment.

Mr. Houlihan made the following modifications to the recommendations:

2G. Conditions 4 and 47, Permits C-311-77-5, -78-3-83, 83-4,-111-4

Mr. Waterman asked what the usage for the vapors would normally be used for. Mr. Houlihan explained the vapors would normally go to the steam generators and be used as fuel.

Mr. Ericksen thanked Mr. Houlihan for his presentation and he distributed the photo used. Mr. Ericksen noted the conditions on the casing collections systems were requested.

Mr. Hartwig asked how long the new lines will last. Mr. Ericksen explained the current lines were installed 25-30 years ago.

Mr. Mulligan asked if the old line will be removed or abandoned. Mr. Ericksen explained the current line is also used to collect well vapors so it will remain in place but be utilized for another purpose.

Mr. Boren asked for the type of environmental review is required for the facility. Mr. Murfield responded there is a biological representative that reviews anything that may endanger animals and plants. Mr. Boren asked if the current line is above ground. Mr. Ericksen explained the current line is partially underground. Mr. Boren asked if the aesthetics of the line being left in place will cause any issues. Mr. Murfield explained the line left in place will still be used.

Mr. Waterman asked if the steam produced is injected into the wells. Mr. Ericksen responded affirmatively.

Dr. Goodwin asked how many solar panels are in place. Mr. Murfield explained the solar to steam project is not a solar panel uptake like residential solar panels. He added it is more of a mirror system and there are thousands of mirrors.

Public Comments: None

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

5. EMERGENCY VARIANCE

The Central Region Hearing Board has not heard or granted any emergency variances since the January 16, 2013, Hearing.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comment.

7. HEARING BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Dr. Goodwin asked if everyone completed the Ethics Compliance Training.

8. NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Redmond announced she will be resigning from the District effective July 1, 2013.

9. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next scheduled meeting is April 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 10:25 a.m.