

**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 15, 2017

*Meeting held in the
Central Region Office (Fresno)*

1. Call Meeting to Order

The Chair, Jerry Boren, called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Jerry Boren (Chair) – Engineer	Present
Loraine Goodwin – Medical	Present
Gerry Mulligan – Public	Present
Daniel Hartwig – Public	Present

Staff Present:

Central Region (Fresno): Jessi Fierro, Assistant District Counsel; Crystal Bussard, Air Quality Specialist; Clay Bishop, Supervisor Air Quality Specialist; Misa Velasco, Operations and Program Support Supervisor;

3. Approval of Consent Items 9-12

These items are routine in nature and are usually approved by a single vote. Prior to action by the Hearing Board, the public will be given the opportunity to comment on any consent item.

9. Approve Minutes of February 15, 2017

10. Stipulated Order of Abatement report

11. Emergency Variance

12. Next Schedule Meeting

The next scheduled meeting is on April 19, 2017. The meeting will be held in the Central Region Office (Fresno) in the Governing Board room.

Public Comments: None

The Chair asked if there were any comments regarding Consent Items 9-12. Hearing no comments, on motion of Dr. Goodwin and seconded by Mr. Hartwig, unanimously passed, the consent items 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-17-07S	Short	CertainTeed Corporation 17775 Avenue 23 1/2 Chowchilla, CA 93610

Petitioners: Ben Cuthbertson

Ms. Bussard presented the Staff Report.

CertainTeed has requested a short variance from the applicable requirements of District Rules 1080, 2270, 2201, 4101, and 4354, in addition to conditions of the subject permits. The requested short variance period would be for a consecutive 72-hour period to occur sometime between April 5, 2017, and April 8, 2017. If granted, the variance would allow the exhaust stream from the glass melting furnace to bypass the pre-conditioning chamber, caustic soda injection, EP, and CEMS while maintenance is performed on the EP. In addition, the variance would allow visible emissions as high as 95 % opacity.

Dr. Goodwin asked if the 95 % opacity is for a short time and if there was estimate to how long we expect such a high opacity.

Ms. Bussard explained that it will not be continuously, but sporadically throughout during their cleaning; however the petitioner will be able to elaborate.

Mr. Mulligan clarified that the SOX and NOX are allowed because it's within the 144 hours.

Ms. Bussard states that is correct, the facility is granted 144 hours every year in which there are no excess emissions calculated during the time.

Mr. Mulligan asked if the release in excess SOX and NOX create any health issues to those in the community area.

Ms. Bussard explained that it wouldn't be different to any other time when the facility is operating.

Mr. Cuthbertson relates back to Ms. Goodwin's questions and explains that when the stack cap is open, debris is release from the stack and it can get to the 95 % opacity level. Mr. Cuthbertson is unaware of how long it will last.

Mr. Cuthbertson mentioned that they don't expect the requirement of the whole 72 hours, simply because it's a shutdown of the system, opening of the electrostatic precipitator (EP), inspecting it, cleaning or potential repair.

Ms. Goodwin asked if the facility foresees improvement to the opacity level in the future for ongoing maintenance.

Mr. Cuthbertson explained that they haven't looked into other technology to deal with the opacity.

Mr. Boren asked if there have been any complaints of the opacity.

Mr. Cuthbertson said there has been none.

Ms. Goodwin suggests that for future variance, the facility should present on how they plan to decrease and improve the opacity.

Public Comments: None

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

5. Public Comments
None.

6. Hearing Board Comments
None.

7. New Business
None.

8. Adjourn
The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:34 a.m.