

**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, February 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 10:03 a.m.

2. Roll Call

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

Staff Present:

Central Region (Fresno): Jessi Fierro, Assistant District Counsel; Michael Carrera, Air Quality Compliance Manager; Crystal Bussard, Air Quality Specialist; Chris Kalashian, Air Quality Specialist; Patrick Houlihan, Senior Air Quality Specialist; See Thao, Operations and Program Support Supervisor; Michelle Franco, Deputy Clerk of the Board

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 January 18, 2017

10. Stipulated Order of Abatement report

11. Emergency Variance

12. Next Schedule Meeting

The next scheduled meeting is on March 15, 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 Mr. Hartwig and seconded by Dr. Goodwin, 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-17-03S	Short	Guardian Industries Group 11535 East Mountain View Avenue Kingsburg, CA 93631

Petitioners: Nate Rutterbush and Besrat Soloman

Mr. Kalashian presented the Staff Report.

GUARDIAN has requested a short variance from the applicable requirement of District Rules 2070, 2201, 2520, 4101 and 4354 in addition to the applicable condition of the subject permits. The requested short variance would be for a non-consecutive 10 day period to occur sometime between February 15, 2017, and March 31, 2017, inclusive. If granted, the variance would allow the continued operation of the regenerative glass melting furnace and glass manufacturing with exec NOx, SOx, CO, PM, and visible emissions while the work is performed.

Nate Rutterbush would like to clarify one statement; they do not intend to bypass their emissions control systems. Such an event, if it were to take place, would be because temperature got hot enough to trigger the automatic bypass of the emission control systems. Mr. Boren clarified that this is just on the basis if something were to happen.

Mr. Hartwig mentioned that the facility has requested more variances lately and asked if there is a particular event that is causing the facility to come before the board so frequently.

Mr. Rutterbush stated that he cannot speak of the past; however, they have come before the board to complete routine maintenance that is normal and customary for a variance.

Public Comments: None

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

<u>Docket No.</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Company Name</u>
B. C-17-04S	Short	Santa Fe Pacific Pipeline L.P. 4149 South Maple Avenue Fresno, CA 93725

Petitioners: Michael McWhorter and Donny Hilmar

Mr. Houlihan presented the Staff Report

SFPP has requested a short variance from the applicable requirements of District Rule 2070, 2520, and 4623, in addition to applicable conditions of the subject permits. The requested short variance would be from February 15, 2017 through February 17, 2017. If granted, the variance would allow SFPP to continue to store ethanol in the subject tank while the secondary seal is removed and replaced.

Mr. Boren asked to what extent the secondary seal prevents VOCs from escaping. Michael explained that it tends to be 90%.

Dr. Goodwin asked what the secondary seal is made of. Mr. McWhorter explained that it tends to be laminated materials; plastic, fiber, and different materials designed to prevent vapors from passing through.

Dr. Goodwin asked if the seal is purchased locally or out of the country. Mr. McWhorter stated that he is unsure of where the seal is purchased from, but it is not purchased from out of the country.

Mr. Hartwig asked if SFPP believed they would finish the work quickly. Mr. McWhorter stated that they expect the work to take about 12 hours.

Public Comments: None

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

<u>Docket No.</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Company Name</u>
C. C-17-05S	Short	Vitro Flat Glass, LLC 3333 South Maple Avenue Kingsburg, CA 93725

Petitioners: Wendy Garcia and Matt Rocca

Ms. Bussard presented the Staff Report

VFG has requested a short variance from the applicable requirements of District Rules 2070, 2201, and 2520 in addition to the applicable conditions of the subject permits. The requested short variance would be for a non-consecutive 36 hour period to occur sometime between February 20, 2017, and March 1, 2017, inclusive. If granted, the variance would allow the continued operation of the glass melting furnace and continued glass production while VFG disconnects the Dual Fume scrubber.

Dr. Goodwin asked if the particulate matter (PM) is glass. Ms. Bussard replied that the PM is from the solution coming off of the glass production, but does not consist of glass particles.

Mr. Boren asked where facility is located. Ms. Bussard explained that the facility was previously named PPG. Mr. Boren has not heard of the acids before and asked if there were health concerns related to any or all of these acids. Ms. Garcia explained that acids used are a respiratory irritant. They are low concentration solutions; however, it can make people cough which is why it is scrubbed before venting. VFG will vent outdoors in areas where people are not present. Mr. Boren clarified that the surrounding neighborhood would not be affected.

Dr. Goodwin asked if the acids as particulates are attached to anything. Ms. Garcia gave an example of citric acid in a powder form. The acids used are similar and are aerosolized, but not volatile.

Mr. Houlihan commented that the District did consult with the Risk Management Review group and the Risk Assessment group. It was found that the activity being performed did not need an additional review.

Mr. Boren confirmed that the District addressed the health risk assessment as a part of the variance application.

Dr. Goodwin asked how the particulate is disposed. Ms. Garcia explained that when the scrubber is in operation the powder is dissolved in water. Mr. Rocca explained that the water is recirculated and disposed of through the sewer lines.

Mr. Boren asked of how the water is disposed. Mr. Rocca explained that it goes into their wastewater system and ultimately to Malaga Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Public Comments: None

Having decided the petition has met the required finding, on motion of Dr. Goodwin 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 10:32 a.m.