

San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District

NORTHERN REGION HEARING BOARD MEETING

Northern Region Office Magnolia Room
4800 Enterprise Way, Modesto, CA 95356

ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES

Wednesday, January 2, 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, Mark Kanai, called the meeting to order at 9:58 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Roger Gohring - Public	Present
Gerald Schneider - Public	Present
Mark A. Kanai (Chair) - Attorney	Present
Dr. Steve Benak – Medical	Present

Staff Present:

Northern Region (Modesto): Ron Giannone, Supervising Air Quality Inspector

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 December 5, 2012

The Chair asked if there were any comments regarding the Minutes for December 5, 2012. 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. N-12-20S	Short	Hilmar Cheese Company 9001 North Lander Avenue Hilmar, CA 95324

Petitioners: Michael Kummer

Patrick Houlihan presented the Staff Report.

Hilmar is requesting a short variance from the requirements of District Rules 2010, 2201 and 4311 in addition to conditions of the subject ATC. The requested short variance period would be from January 6, 2013, until April 6, 2013. If granted, the variance would allow for the postponement of the start-up compliance source test of the flare.

Mr. Kummer explained the amount of NOx and CO found in testing. He stated he would be providing a report at the end of the variance period that would quantify the emissions including the quantity of gas burned and the hours of operation.

Dr. Benak asked if the facility is in operation seven days a week. Mr. Kummer responded affirmatively. He explained the facility accepts one million gallons of milk each day and they have no excess storage capacity.

Mr. Houlihan clarified the revisions to the recommendations in the staff report at request of the petitioner:

2. Relief shall be granted from the requirements of the applicable sections of District Rules 2010, 2201, and 4311 in addition to Condition #9 and #11 of ATC #N-1275-23-7.
4. (Renumbered) NOx in excess of the permit condition shall not exceed 200 lbs. over the duration of the variance period.
5. (Renumbered) CO in excess of the permit limits shall not exceed 3,500 lbs. over the duration of the variance period.

Mr. Schneider asked if there would be separate limits for VOCs. Mr. Houlihan stated there was no indication the facility will exceed VOC limits. Mr. Kummer added the preliminary testing focused on NOx and CO and there will be very low or no VOCs.

Public Comments: None

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

5. EMERGENCY VARIANCE

The Northern Region Hearing Board had not heard or granted any emergency variances since the December 5, 2012, Hearing.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comment.

7. HEARING BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

None

8. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Kanai requested nominations for the positions of Chair and Vice Chair. On motion of Dr. Benak and seconded by Mr. Gohring, unanimously passed, Mr. Kanai was appointed as Chair and Mr. Schneider was appointed as Vice Chair.

9. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next scheduled meeting is February 6, 2013. The meeting will be held via teleconferencing in the Northern Region Office (Modesto) with the Central Region Office (Fresno) participating via teleconferencing.

10. ADJOURN

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:32 a.m.