

Action Summary Minutes

SOUTHERN REGION HEARING BOARD MEETING

Southern Region Office Video Teleconference (VTC) Room
34946 Flyover Court, Bakersfield, CA 93308

Wednesday, January 12, 2011, 10:00 a.m.

**Meeting held via teleconferencing (VTC) with the
Central Region Office (Fresno) participating via VTC.**

MINUTES

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:
The Chair, Hollis Carlile, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL:

Kimm Wolber – Medical	Present
Nancy Dunn – Public	Present
Hollis Carlile (Chair) – Engineer	Present
Bill Bland – Public	Present
John Stovall – Attorney	Present

Staff present - Southern Region (Bakersfield): Mike Oldershaw, Air Quality Compliance Manager

Central Region (Fresno): Patrick Houlihan, Sr. Air Quality Specialist; Phillip Jay, Legal Counsel; and Vicki Christie, acting as Deputy Clerk to the Board.

3. APPROVE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 8, 2010
The Chair, Hollis Carlile, asked if there were any comments regarding the Minutes of December 8, 2010. Hearing none, the minutes were approved as submitted.

4. PUBLIC HEARING:
All those present to testify were sworn in by the Chair, and he requested they sign in.

A. S-10-66R Regular Chevron USA, Inc.
26C Oil Cleaning Plant
Midway Sunset Oil Field

Petitioners: Martin Lundy, David Moore

Patrick Houlihan presented the report. CUSA has requested a short variance from District Rules 2070.0, 2201, 2520, 4401 and 4623, in addition to conditions of the applicable Permits to Operate (PTOs). The requested regular variance period would be effective for a consecutive 30-day period to occur sometimes between January 12, 2011, and September 20, 2011. If granted, the variance would allow CUSA to continue to store VOC containing liquids in the subject tanks without a functional or operating VRS while CUSA completes work on the subject scrubber. In addition, it will allow wells with closed casing gas vents to produce into tanks that do not have a functional or operating VRS.

Mr. Houlihan stated after his presentation that there are changes to this variance due to the scope of the work. The changes are as follows:

CUSA has requested a regular variance from District Rules 2070.0, 2201, 2520, 4401 and 4623, in addition to conditions of the applicable Permits to Operate (PTOs). The requested regular variance period would be effective for a consecutive 14-day period to occur sometimes between January 17, 2011, and March 17, 2011.

At this time all work items listed on page two of the staff report are deleted, except number eight.

CUSA estimates that excess VOC emissions will be approximately 3101 pounds during the variance period.

Recommendation number nine is stricken and the numbering of remaining recommendations are adjusted.

Recommendation number 11, adjusted to number 10, should read by April 1, 2011.

Mr. Lundy thanked Patrick all his work on this variance and for noting all the changes. Mr. Lundy stated that because this is a staged project, the District felt the project should be done with separate variances. The second variance will be submitted next week.

Public Comments:	None
Motion:	Stovall
Second:	Wolber
AYES:	Wolber, Bland, Dunn, Carlile, Stovall
NAYS:	None
RECUSED:	None

Having decided the petition has met the required findings, the Hearing Board voted to pass the Motion to grant the variance subject to the conditions of the staff report.

B.	S-10-69S	Short	ExxonMobil Production Company Hill Property Belridge Oilfield
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Petitioners: Jack Jones

Patrick Houlihan presented the report. ExxonMobil has requested a short variance from District Rules 2070.7.0, 2201, 2520 and 4623, in addition to the applicable conditions of the Permits to Operate (PTOs). The requested variance period would be effective for a consecutive three-day period to occur sometime between January 12, 2011 and March 12, 2011. If granted, the variance would allow the continued storage of VOC containing liquids in the subject tanks and separators without a functional and operating VRS.

Mr. Jones stated that PG&E's tentative shutdown date is scheduled for January 18, 2011. PG&E hopes for an eight-hour shutdown, but told ExxonMobil to be prepared for a three-day shutdown in case problems are encountered.

Public Comments:	None
Motion:	Wolber
Second:	Stoval
AYES:	Wolber, Bland, Dunn, Carlile, Stovall
NAYS:	None
RECUSED:	None

Having decided the petition has met the required findings, the Hearing Board voted to pass the Motion to grant the variance subject to the conditions of the staff report.

5. The Southern Region Hearing Board has not heard nor granted any emergency variances since the December 8, 2010 Hearing.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

7. HEARING BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: None

8. NEW BUSINESS:

Election of Hearing Board Chair for 2011 - Hollis Carlile

Motion:	Stovall
Second:	Wolber
AYES:	Wolber, Bland, Dunn, Stovall
NAYS:	None

Election of Hearing Board Vice-Chair for 2011 – Bill Bland

Motion:	Dunn
Second:	Wolber
AYES:	Wolber, Carlile, Dunn, Stovall
NAYS:	None

9. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: Wednesday, February 9, 2011, at 10:00 a.m.
The meeting will be held via video conferencing (VTC) in the Southern Region Office (Bakersfield) with the Central Region Office (Fresno) participating via VTC

10. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:37 a.m.