



Action Summary Minutes

SOUTHERN REGION HEARING BOARD MEETING

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

Wednesday, February 8, 2012, 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:

Dr. Dean Haddock – Medical	Present
Hollis Carlile (Chair) – Engineer	Present
John Stovall – Attorney	Present
Nancy Dunn – Public	Absent
William Bland – Public	Present

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

Central Region (Fresno): Patrick Houlihan, Sr. Air Quality Specialist; Ryan Hayashi, Supervising Air Quality Specialist, Catherine Redmond, Legal Counsel, Michelle Banuelos, acting as Deputy Clerk to the Board

3. APPROVE MINUTES OF JANUARY 11, 2012
The Chair, Hollis Carlile, asked if there were any comments regarding the Minutes of January 11, 2012. Hearing no comments, the Chair declared 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-12-02S Short Chevron USA Inc.
26C Oil Cleaning Plant
Midway Sunset Oil Field,

Petitioners: Martin Lundy, David Moore

CUSA has requested a short variance from District Rules 2070.7.0, 2201, 2520, 4401 and 4623, in addition to conditions of the applicable Permits to Operate (PTOs). The requested variance period would be for a non-consecutive 60-day period to occur sometime between, and including, March 5, 2012, and June 2, 2012. 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 associated with 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 noted a change made to the staff report. Excess Emissions will be approximately 6,024 pounds over the duration of the variance period, and are based on the assumption that 30 days will be utilized. Change 30 days to 60 days, on page 3, first paragraph.

Mr. Lundy thanked Mr. Houlihan for his excellent representation of their petition. He stated this Petition is about electrical work. During the planning process, the project was expanded in order to allow installation of ducting for the new scrubber and also to do some more maintenance. He added that they hope to install the new scrubber hopefully by the end of this year.

Mr. Lundy stated that this project has changed engineers and at the last evaluation, Items 7 and 9 listed on page 2 will not be conducted during this period because these pieces of equipment are still in good shape.

Mr. Moore stated this will not shorten the time period because of the amount of major upgrades, electrical work and maintenance that will be done.

Public Comments: None

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

B.	S-12-03S	Short	Chevron USA, Inc. 2F, 26C, 31E Oil Cleaning Plants Midway Sunset Oil Field
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Petitioners: Martin Lundy, David Moore

CUSA has requested a short variance from District Rules 2010, 2201, 2070.7.0, 2520, 4401 and 4623, in addition to conditions of the applicable ATCs and PTOs. The requested short variance period would be effective for a consecutive 120-hour period to occur sometime between, and including, February 9, 2012, and May 8, 2012. If granted, the variance would allow CUSA to continue to store VOC containing liquids in the tanks without a functional or operating VRS. In addition, it will allow wells with closed casing vents to produce into tanks that do not have a functional or operating VRS.

Mr. Lundy thanked Mr. Houlihan for his accurate representation of their petition. He had nothing else to add at this time.

Mr. Moore stated the previous Petition was delayed due to a turnover of their maintenance contractor. It was felt a delay was in the best interest of the company as well as the new employees who would be conducting the work.

Mr. Carlile expressed a concern about corrosion. It was suggested by Mr. Lundy that they would have their corrosion group check into the issue and determine whether they will need to install anodes or other corrosion protection.

Public Comments: None

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

5. The Southern Region Hearing Board granted one emergency variance since the January 11, 2012, Hearing Board meeting.
6. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.
7. HEARING BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:
Mr. Houlihan pointed out that Dr. Dean Haddock was appointed as the new Primary Medical Representative and Dr. Robert Moeller will serve as the medical alternate once again. Mr. Houlihan noted the District is still recruiting for alternates for engineer, public and attorney.
8. NEW BUSINESS: None.
9. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: Wednesday, March 14, 2012 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 10:40 a.m.