

San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District
SOUTHERN REGION HEARING BOARD MEETING

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

ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES

Thursday, November 12, 2015

*Meeting held via teleconferencing with the
Central Region Office (Fresno) and the
Southern Region Office (Bakersfield)*

1. Call Meeting to Order
The Chair, William Bland, called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

2. Roll Call
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| William Bland (Chair) – Public | Present |
| Dr. Dean Haddock – Medical | Present |
| Nancy Dunn – Public | Present |

Staff Present:

Southern Region (Bakersfield): Dave Baldwin, Supervising Air Quality Inspector

Central Region (Fresno): Clay Bishop, Supervising Air Quality Specialist; Patrick Houlihan, Senior Air Quality Specialist; Shannon Moore, Air Quality Specialist; Annette Williamson, District Counsel; Carol Flores, Operations and Program Support Supervisor

3. Approve Minutes of October 14, 2015
The Chair asked if there were any comments regarding the Minutes for October 14, 2015. Having decided the Minutes were accurate, on motion of Ms. Dunn and seconded by Dr. Haddock, the Minutes were approved with no changes.

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. S-15-52S	Short	Chevron USA Inc 31X Oil Cleaning Plant Midway Sunset Oil Field	<i>withdrawn</i>

<u>Docket No.</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Company Name</u>
B. S-15-53S	Short	Chevron USA Inc 26C Oil Cleaning Plant Midway Sunset Oil Field

Petitioners: Steve Enns, Kris Rickards and Tyler Hatlen

Mr. Moore presented the Staff Report.

Chevron has requested a short variance from the applicable requirements of District Rules 2070, 2201, 2520, 4401, and 4623, in addition to applicable conditions of the subject permits. The requested variance period would be for a non-consecutive 96-hour period to occur sometime between November 12, 2015, and February 9, 2016, inclusive. If granted, the variance would allow Chevron to continue to store VOC containing liquids in the subject tanks without an operating or functional VRS while Chevron conducts the maintenance. In addition, it will allow wells with closed casing gas vents to produce into tanks that do not have a functional or operating VRS.

The petitioners had no further comments.

Public Comments: None

Having decided the petition had met the required findings, on motion of Ms. Dunn and seconded by Dr. Haddock, unanimously passed, the petitioner was granted a short variance.

	<u>Docket No.</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Company Name</u>	
C.	S-15-55S	Short	Chevron USA Inc Cahn 3 Lost Hills Oil Field	<i>withdrawn</i>

	<u>Docket No.</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Company Name</u>
D.	S-15-56i	Interim	Aera Energy LLC 12-2D Steam Generator Steam Generator 106 Belridge Oil Field

Petitioners: John Haley, Cari Long and Gary Barker

Mr. Houlihan presented the Staff Report.

Aera has requested an interim variance, to be followed by a regular variance, from applicable requirements of District Rules 1081, 2070, 2201, 2520, 4305, 4306, and 4320, in addition to applicable conditions of the subject permits. The requested variance would be effective from November 12, 2015, through January, 13, 2016, or until the petition on the regular variance can be heard, whichever occurs first. If granted, the variance would allow steam generator 12-2D and 106 to exceed the permitted limit of 15 ppmv NO_x while they undergo testing as part of an experimental research exemption operation. It would also allow flexibility in utilizing the portable combustion analyzer such that it would not be required within the 5 days after a restart as the permit requires. In addition, it would not require that steam generator 106 be source tested within 60 days of returning to operation from a dormant emission unit (DEU) status.

Mr. Houlihan reported Condition 10 will be removed due to the facility is not expected to return to compliance.

Mr. Haley explained the duplex technology is very innovative. He added an existing burner in the generator has been modified and there is a ceramic plate in front that heats up. The burner stops and the plate provides heat for the steam generator which reduces NOx. There is a phenomenon where the flame from the plate returns to the burner and this is the cause of emission spikes. This issue is being investigated to eliminate the phenomenon.

Public Comments: None

Having decided the petition had met the required findings, on motion of Dr. Haddock and seconded by Ms. Dunn, unanimously passed, the petitioner was granted an interim variance.

5. Emergency Variance

The Southern Region Hearing Board heard and granted three emergency variances since the October 14, 2015, Hearing Board meeting.

6. Public Comments

No public comment.

7. Hearing Board Member Comments

None

8. New Business

Mr. Houlihan thanked the Board for attending the meeting on Thursday in order to observe Veteran's Day.

9. Next Scheduled Meeting

The next scheduled meeting is December 9, 2015. The meeting will be held in the Southern Region Office (Bakersfield).

10. Adjourn

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:27 a.m.