

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

Wednesday, December 12, 2018

*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 10:05 a.m.

2. Roll Call

William Bland – Public	Present
John Stovall – Attorney	Present
Nancy Dunn– Public	Present

Staff Present:

Southern Region (Bakersfield): Valarie Ballard, Supervising Air Quality Inspector

Central Region (Fresno): Jessi Fierro, Assistant Counsel; Crystal Bussard, Air Quality Specialist II; Chris Kalashian, Air Quality Specialist II; Patrick Houlihan, Senior Air Quality Specialist; Clay Bishop, Supervising Air Quality Specialist; and See Thao; Operations & Support Supervisor.

3. Approval of Consent Calendar (Items 9-11)

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 November 14, 2018

10. Emergency Variance

11. Next Scheduled Meeting

The next scheduled meeting is on January 9, 2019. The meeting will be held in the Southern Region Office (Bakersfield) with the Central Region Office (Fresno) included via VTC.

Public Comments: None

Moved: Stovall
Seconded: Dunn
Ayes: Dunn, Stovall, Bland
Nays: None

Motion unanimously carried to approve Consent Calendar Items 9-11

4. Public Hearing

The Chair, Bill Bland swore in all those present to testify for all matters.

<u>Docket No.</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Company Name</u>
A. S-18-49S	Short	Chevron U.S.A. Inc. 8Z North East McKittrick Unit McKittrick Oil Field

Petitioners: Kris Rickards

Mr. Kalashian presented the Staff Report.

Chevron has requested a short variance from the applicable requirements of District Rules 2070, 2201, 2520, and 4623 in addition to applicable conditions of the subject permits. The requested variance period would be effective for a non-consecutive 24-hour period to occur sometime between December 12, 2018, and March 11, 2019, 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 they conduct the proposed work.

Petitioner Comments: None

Public Comments: None

Moved: Dunn
Seconded: Stovall
Ayes: Dunn, Stovall, Bland
Nays: None

Motion unanimously carried to approve Docket No. S-18-49S

<u>Docket No.</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Company Name</u>
B. S-18-53S	Short	Chevron U.S.A. Inc. Monterey Central Plant Kern River Oil Field

Petitioners: Daniel Beck, Joel Tremblay, Julian Romero, and Lance Ericksen

Mr. Kalashian presented the Staff Report.

Chevron has requested a short variance from the applicable requirements of District Rules 2010, 2070, 2201, 2520, 4401, and 4623 in addition to applicable conditions of the subject permits. The requested short variance would be for a consecutive 90 day period to occur sometime between December 12, 2018, and March 11, 2019, inclusive. If granted, the short variance would allow for the continued storage of VOC containing liquids in the tanks without a functional VRS while Chevron performs the proposed work. In addition, it will allow wells with closed casing vents to produce into tanks that do not have a functional or operating VRS.

Mr. Stovall asked what the estimation of the reduction of VOC would be.

Mr. Ericksen response that it will be a very small amount.

Petitioner Comments: Mr. Ericksen mentions that the facility is currently operating under an emergency variance and he just wanted to ensure to the Board that they have done all diligence to try to get this up and running before attending the Hearing today. If everything goes well on the commissioning, then they will not be using the vapor recovery system.

Public Comments: None

Moved: Stovall
Seconded: Dunn
Ayes: Dunn, Stovall, Bland, Moeller
Nays: None

Motion unanimously carried to approve Docket No. S-18-53S

<u>Docket No.</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Company Name</u>
C. S-18-54S	Short	Kern Oil & Refining Company 7724 E. Panama Lane Bakersfield, CA 93307

Petitioners: Melinda Hicks and Jerry Franklin

Ms. Bussard presented the Staff Report.

Kern Oil & Refining has requested a short variance from District Rule 2070, 2201, 2520, 4623, and 4455 in addition to conditions of the applicable permits. The requested short variance would be effective for a consecutive 48 hour period to occur sometime between December 12, 2018, and December 30, 2018, inclusive. If granted, the variance would allow Kern Oil & Refining to store VOC containing liquids in storage tanks without an operating or functional VRS while the VRS piping is replaced.

Mr. Stovall asked what the economic damage would be if the variance is not approved.

Ms. Hicks response that they did not prepare an economic estimate. Their main concern is maintaining the facility in a safe operating situation. The only alternative that they would have would be to remove the contents from all the tanks and clean the tanks and go through the process of degassing and removing any sledge from the bottom.

Petitioner Comments: None

Public Comments: None

Moved: Dunn
Seconded: Stovall
Ayes: Dunn, Stovall, Bland
Nays: None

Motion unanimously carried to approve Docket No. S-18-54S

5. Public Comments: None
6. Hearing Board Member Comments: None
7. New Business: None
8. Adjournment
The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.