

**San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District**  
**Central REGION HEARING BOARD MEETING**

Central Region Office Governing Board Room  
1990 E. Gettysburg Ave., Fresno, CA 93726

**ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES**

**Wednesday, April 15, 2015**

*Meeting held in the Central Region Office (Fresno)*

1. Call Meeting to Order  
The Chair, Jerry Boren, called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

2. Roll Call
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| Jerry Boren (Chair) - Engineer | Present |
| Daniel Hartwig – Public        | Present |
| Gerry Mulligan – Public        | Present |
| Loraine Goodwin – Medical      | Present |

Staff Present:

Central Region (Fresno): Jessi Fierro, Assistant District Counsel; Patrick Houlihan, Senior Air Quality Specialist; Chris Kalashian, Air Quality Specialist; Crystal Bussard, Air Quality Specialist; Carol Flores, Operations and Program Support Supervisor

3. Approve Minutes of March 18, 2015  
The Chair asked if there were any comments regarding the Minutes for March 18, 2015. 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. C-15-06S	Short	Guardian Industries Corp 11535 East Mountain View Ave Kingsburg, CA 93631

Petitioners: Nathaniel Rutterbush and Besrat Solomon

Mr. Houlihan presented the Staff Report.

Guardian has requested a short variance from the applicable requirements of District Rules 2070, 2201, 2520, 4101, and 4354 in addition to the applicable conditions of the subject permits. The requested short variance will be for a consecutive 48 hour

period to occur sometime starting April 15, 2015, through April 20, 2015. If granted, the variance will allow the continued operation of the glass melting furnace, and continued glass production, with excess visible emissions while Guardian shuts down the scrubber, EP and SCR, in order to clean and inspect the EP.

Dr. Goodwin noted Recommendation 1 did not contain language regarding the 48 hour period. The following modification was made to Recommendation:

1. The variance shall be effective for a consecutive 48 hour period to occur sometime from April 15, 2015 through April 20, 2015, or until the maintenance has been completed and the emission control systems are returned to compliant operation, whichever occurs first.

Mr. Mulligan asked if the time of day was taken into consideration when testing opacity. Mr. Houlihan explained the scheduling of the testing is not a District Policy. Mr. Hartwig asked the petitioner if the time of day was taken into consideration. Mr. Rutterbush explained the test is scheduled when the system is still cool enough to work.

Mr. Rutterbush commented this petition if for the two annual routine cleanings to avoid breakdowns in the future.

Public Comments: None

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

<u>Docket No.</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Company Name</u>
B. C-15-07S	Short	GWF Energy LLC – Henrietta 16027 25 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Lemoore, CA 93245

Petitioners: Neftali Nevarez and John Archibald

Mr. Houlihan presented the Staff Report for both GWF Energy LLC – Henrietta and Hanford Energy Park Peaker Plant due to both petitions being similar.

Both facilities have requested a short variance from the applicable requirements of District Rules 1080, 2201, 2070, 2520, 4001, and 4703 in addition to the applicable conditions of the subject permits. The requested short variance period would be from April 15, 2015, to July 13, 2015. If granted the variance would allow the continued operation of the subject turbine without a certified CEMS.

Mr. Hartwig asked if the facility was keeping records manually. Mr. Houlihan explained the facility will continue to keep records.

Public Comments: None

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

<u>Docket No.</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Company Name</u>
C. C-15-08S	Short	Hanford Energy Park Peaker Plant 10550 Idaho Avenue Hanford, CA 93230

Petitioners: Neftali Nevarez and John Archibald

Mr. Houlihan stated the petition is at a different location but the project and companies are the same.

Public Comments: None

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

<u>Docket No.</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Company Name</u>
D. C-15-09S	Short	Pacific Ethanol Madera LLC 31470 Avenue 12 Madera, CA 93638

Petitioners: Polo Durate

Mr. Kalashian presented the Staff Report.

PEM has requested a short variance from the applicable requirements of District Rules 2070, 2201, and 2520 in addition to the applicable conditions of the subject permits. The requested short variance would be for a consecutive 8 hour period to occur sometime between May 1, 2015, and May 31, 2015, inclusive. If granted, the variance would allow for continued ethanol fermentation while the RTO is shut down for preventative maintenance.

Mr. Duarte requested an extension from 8 hours to 24 hours. And the following Recommendations were modified:

1. The variance shall be effective for a consecutive 24 hour period to occur sometime between May 1, 2015, and May 31, 2015, inclusive, or until the RTO is back online at operating conditions, whichever occurs first.
2. Excess VOC emissions shall not exceed 8,928 pounds over the duration of the variance period.

Public Comments: None

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

<u>Docket No.</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Company Name</u>
E. C-15-10S	Short	Chevron USA Inc 25D Cogeneration Plant Coalinga Oil Field

Petitioners: Lance Ericksen, Aric Murfield and Kaare Patterson

Mr. Houlihan presented the Staff Report.

CUSA has requested a short variance from the applicable requirements of District Rules 1081, 2010, 2070, 2201, 2520, and 4703 in addition to applicable conditions of the subject permits. The requested short variance period would be from May 16, 2015, until August 13, 2015. If granted, it would allow CUSA to postpone the compliance start-up source test on the combustion turbine generator.

Mr. Ericksen explained scheduling is dependent upon PG&E and currently there is not set date.

Mr. Mulligan asked if the facility must contact PG&E when non-operational. Mr. Patterson explained PG&E does not need to be contacted. Mr. Mulligan asked if the facility is operational 24/7. Mr. Patterson responded affirmatively.

Public Comments: None

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

5. Emergency Variance

The Central Region Hearing Board did not hear nor grant any emergency variances since the February 18, 2015, hearing.

6. Public Comments

None

7. Hearing Board Member Comments

Mr. Hartwig asked if there had been progress to add opacity testing as part of routine maintenance. Mr. Houlihan explained the State Rule does not allow for that and the District cannot override the State Rule. He added petitioners are explained their options and it normally is prudent for them to appear.

Mr. Boren asked Hearing Board Members and Counsel to wait until he asks for their comments or questions per protocol.

8. New Business  
None

9. Next Scheduled Meeting

The next scheduled meeting is May 20, 2015. The meeting will be held in the Central Region Office (Fresno) in the Governing Board room.

10. Adjourn

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:42 a.m.