

PETITION FOR A HEARING
BEFORE THE HEARING BOARD OF THE
SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT

☐ Northern Region Office
4800 Enterprise Way
Modesto, CA 95356

☒ Central Region Office
1990 E. Gettysburg Ave.
Fresno, CA 93726

☐ Southern Region Office
34946 Flyover Court
Bakersfield, CA 93308

TYPE OF HEARING

FEES (Non-Refundable)

☒ A.	Short Variance (90 Days or Less)	\$ 987.00
☐ B.	Interim & Short Variance	\$1443.00
☐ C.	Emergency Variance	\$ 343.00
☐ D.	Regular Variance	\$1136.00
☐ E.	Interim & Regular Variance	\$1592.00
☐ F.	Appeal Hearing	\$1136.00
☐ G.	Extension of Variance	\$ 456.00
☐ H.	Modification of Variance	\$ 456.00
☐ I.	Modification of Variance Schedule of Progress	\$ 456.00
☐ J.	Product Variance	\$1515.00
☐ K.	Rehearing	\$1136.00
☐ L.	Revocation of Variance	\$ 456.00
☐ M.	Special Hearing	\$1136.00

In addition to the filing fee above, an excess emissions fee will be assessed at the conclusion of the variance at \$3.00 per pound on the excess emissions emitted during the variance period. Additionally, a \$3.75 per pound mitigation fee will be assessed if excess emissions are greater than 2000 pounds.

A. NAME OF FACILITY: CertainTeed LLC

PHYSICAL ADDRESS OF FACILITY: 17775 Avenue 23 1/2

CITY: Chowchilla STATE: CA ZIP CODE: 93610

NAME OF PERSON FILLING OUT PETITION: Ben Cuthbertson

TELEPHONE: 559-665-4831 X202 E-MAIL: ben.d.cuthbertson@saint-gobain.com

NAME OF PERSON AUTHORIZED TO RECEIVE NOTICES: Ben Cuthbertson

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B. TYPE OF ENTITY (Check One)

☒ LLC

☐ Partnership

☐ Corporation

☐ Other Entity

Please include the name, title, and address of officers, if a corporation; partners, if a partnership; or the person(s) in control, if other entity.

(Attach additional sheets, if needed)

NAME	TITLE	ADDRESS
Markus Stahl	Plant Manager	17775 Ave 23 1/2 Chowchilla 93610
Michael Kralik	VP, Operations IPG	

In accordance with State Law, the District will provide assistance to small businesses in preparing and filing the petition for the hearing. Small business has the same meaning as defined in the Small Business Administration, except that no stationary source which is a major source can be a small business.

If you plan on having attendees participate via the video teleconferencing system in a region other than that of which you filed the petition, please check the box(s) below for the region they will be participating:

☐ Bakersfield

☒ Fresno

☐ Modesto

1. Describe the type of business conducted at your facility.

2. Describe in detail the equipment or activity that is the subject of this petition, what the equipment is used for, and why it is necessary to the operation of your facility. Include all pertinent information necessary to describe the activity including: fuels burned, raw materials processed, product produced, true vapor pressure of all volatile organic compounds, site diagrams, material flow charts, fuel systems, and diagrams of air pollution control systems if necessary. Provide photos as well.

3. List all the District Permits to Operate and/or Authorities to Construct and the corresponding permit conditions for which you are requesting variance protection and **explain** how you are violating, or will violate the condition(s). Please list the current version(s).

4. List all District Rule numbers, including subsections, for which you are requesting variance protection and **explain** how you are violating or will violate the rule(s).

5. Why is it beyond your reasonable control to comply with the rule(s) and/or permit condition(s)?

6. What would be the harm to your business if the variance were not granted? Include business closure, economic losses in dollar amounts, breach of contracts, hardships on customers, employee lay-offs, loss of market share to competitors, etc.

7. What date, and under what circumstances, did your facility first become aware that it would **not** be in compliance?

8. What actions have you taken since that time to achieve compliance?

9. Explain what options have been evaluated towards curtailment or termination of operations in lieu of obtaining a variance.

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10. Estimate the excess emissions in total pounds over the duration of the variance period. *Estimate the maximum amount of excess emissions that will occur.*

Pollutant	Pollutant Limit	Actual Emissions	<i>Excess emissions are those that are in excess of the rules or permit conditions or otherwise lawfully allowed</i>	Total Estimated Excess Emissions
VOC				
NO _x				
CO				
SO _x				
PM ₁₀	547.2 lb/day	3528 lb/day		2981 lb/day
PM _{2.5}				

Highest Opacity level anticipated: 85 %

11. Show all calculations and provide references for emission factors used in estimating excess emissions.

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12. Explain how you can reduce or mitigate excess emissions during the variance period.
(such as shutting equipment down or reducing production to offset excess emissions)

13. If there are excessive hazardous or toxic emissions, attach a health risk assessment and receptor modeling data.

14. Can you monitor or quantify emission levels from the subject equipment or activity during the variance period and make such records available to the District? Source tests, engineering tests, or portable emission analyzers can be utilized.
Yes: ☒ No: ☐ Provide an explanation of your response.

15. How do you intend to achieve compliance with the rules or permit conditions? Include a detailed description of any equipment to be installed and/or modifications to be made, a listing of the dates by which the actions will be completed, and an estimate of the total cost, if available.

16. State the dates you are requesting the variance to begin and end (the end date should be the date you expect to achieve compliance with the rules, regulations, and permit conditions). Please overestimate the time needed to allow for any contingencies.

Begin variance: On or about 1 May, 2026 End variance: within 72 hours after start time

17. Please state if you need special time designations. For example: "We need 15 non-consecutive days between such and such date."

Need 72 consecutive hours between 01 May and 30 May 2026

18. If a variance, or series of variances, is to extend beyond one year, you must attach a Schedule of Increments of Progress pursuant to Rule 5050 –*Compliance Schedule* which must specify certain dates or milestones to be met in achieving compliance.

19. List the names of any District personnel who are familiar with the facility (inspectors, permit engineers, etc.) or with whom facility representatives have had contact concerning this variance petition, or any related NOV or NTC.

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Based on information and belief formed after reasonable inquiry, the statements and information in the document are true, accurate, and complete:

Date: 3/9/2026

*Signature: Mark Stahl
Mark Stahl (Mar 9, 2026 10:07:40 PDT)

Title: Plant Manager

Print Name: Mark Stahl

**must be signed by a responsible official if petitioner is a Title V source*

The original petition in this format, and any attachments must be submitted to the District. Any attachments that are extraordinarily difficult to reproduce, such as full color photographs, must be submitted as six copies. Petitions which are incomplete, illegible, submitted in the wrong format, or without the necessary filing fee will be returned. If you need assistance completing this petition and/or developing a compliance schedule, contact the Compliance Department in your region.

Northern Region Office
(209) 557-6440

Central Region Office
(559) 230-5950

Southern Region Office
(661) 392-5540

You may hand deliver, mail, or email this petition to variance@valleyair.org

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Final Audit Report

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