

 <p>Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District</p>	Case No / Date	2016-42-E	12/01/16
	Petitioner	Mission Hills CSD	
	Permit #	11886	
	Date Rec'd	11/23/16	
	Time Rec'd	15:32	
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**BEFORE THE HEARING BOARD
OF THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT**

In The Matter of the Application of)
Mission Hills Community Services District)
for an Emergency Variance from District)
Rules 333 and 206, Conditions 1 and 2.a)
of Permit to Operate 11886.)

H.B. Case No. 2016-42-E

VARIANCE FINDINGS

AND ORDER

The Mission Hills Community Services District (CSD) filed a Petition for an Emergency Variance on November 23, 2016. A hearing regarding the above-entitled matter was held on December 01, 2016, with Mike McKay appearing for the Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District.

This matter having been fully presented and duly considered, the Hearing Board makes the following findings and gives the following reasons for its decision.

1. Notice of the Hearing was duly given in the manner and for the time required by law.
2. Sworn testimony and argument on behalf of the Petitioner and the Air Pollution Control Officer were made, received and considered.
3. The Petitioner operates the equipment described in the Petition at 1550 East Burton Mesa Boulevard just outside of Lompoc, California.
4. On November 23, 2016, the Petitioner discovered an issue with their engine's air/fuel ratio controller (AFR). The AFR is used to assist in controlling NOx, ROC, and CO emissions. The engine in question is used as a water pump for the community of Mission Hills, and has since been turned off until the AFR can be repaired or replaced. There is currently an electric water pump being used to provide water to Mission Hills. However, if there is an issue with that electric pump then the natural gas fired engine must be operated to continue to provide water to the local community. In addition, the engine will need to be run at some point for the CSD to determine the scope of the AFR problem and begin repairs. If the engine was to run without the AFR, the estimated excess emissions would be: NOx 2.41lbs/hr, ROC - 0.95lbs/hr, and CO - 8.91lbs/hr.

5. If, due to reasons beyond the control of the Petitioner, successful equipment repairs are unable to be completed during this Variance period, additional relief will be sought.
6. A nuisance as defined in District Rule 303 is not expected to occur as a result of this variance and continued operation is not likely to create an immediate threat or hazard to public health or safety.
7. The District staff supports the Petition as conditioned below.
8. Pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 42359.5, I find that "good cause" exists for the granting of Petitioner's request for an Emergency Variance.

THEREFORE, THE HEARING BOARD ORDERS, as follows:

That a 30-Day Emergency Variance be granted for the operation of the Petitioner's facility in violation of Rules 333 and 206, Conditions 1 and 2.a of Permit to Operate 11886 from November 23, 2016 through December 22, 2016 with the following conditions:

1. Petitioner shall submit a written report to the Hearing Board and District by January 13, 2017. The report shall include the date compliance was achieved together with a description of the corrective action taken, and emissions, if any, that occurred during the variance.
2. Petitioner shall retain the obligation to comply with all other local, state and federal regulations not specifically referenced in the Order.
3. Failure to abide by all conditions of this Order shall subject the Petitioner receiving the variance to penalties set forth in Health and Safety Code section 42402.
4. Each day during any portion of which a violation occurs is a separate offense.

DATED: 1 Dec 16



Lee-Volker Cox
Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District
Hearing Board