



**Santa Barbara County
Air Pollution Control District**

Case No / Date	2017-10-E	01/31/17
Petitioner	Greka Oil & Gas	
Permit #	PTO 9310	
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**BEFORE THE HEARING BOARD
OF THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT**

In The Matter of the Application of)
Greka Oil & Gas for an Emergency)
Variance from District Rule 331.E.1(f).)
)

H.B. Case No. 2017-10-E

VARIANCE FINDINGS

AND ORDER

Greka Oil & Gas filed a Petition for an Emergency Variance on January 26, 2017. A hearing regarding the above-entitled matter was held on January 31, 2017 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 the Jim Hopkins, located within the Clark Avenue Stationary Source. The equipment in the subject of this Petition are Jim Hopkins Wells #62-1 and #83-1.
4. On January 25, 2017 a District Inspector discovered leaks greater than 50,000ppm were emanating from the wellheads on Jim Hopkins wells #62-1 and #83-1. District Rule 331.E.1(f) requires hydrocarbon leaks greater than 50,000ppm found at onshore facilities be repaired within 1 calendar day of leak detection. The Petitioner brought a workover rig to the well sites and began repairs the day of leak discovery. It was determined that new API rings were required for both wellheads to be repaired and the parts would not arrive until after the required 1-day repair timeline. The Petitioner informed the District of their situation and decided to apply for this emergency variance. Without this emergency

variance, the Petitioner would be in violation beginning on January 27, 2017 and continuing each and every day until the leaks are repaired. If repairs take longer than the variance period allows, the Petitioner will need to submit an Interim and 90-Day variance petition in order to request continued variance protection.

5. The continued operation of wells #62-1 and #83-1 in violation of Rule 331.E.1(f) is not expected to result in a public nuisance.
6. The District staff supports the Petition as conditioned below.
7. 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 an Emergency Variance be granted for the continued operation of Petitioner's Jim Hopkins wells #62-1 and #83-1 in violation of District Rule 331.E.1(f) from January 27, 2017 through February 25, 2017 or the date the well heads are repaired, whichever occurs first, with the following conditions:

1. Petitioner shall keep District staff informed regarding their efforts to achieve compliance. By no later than March 10, 2017 the Petitioner shall submit a report to the District and Hearing Board documenting the date the facility returned to compliance along with all emissions related to the granting of this 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: 31 Jan 17



David Schmarje
Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District
Hearing Board