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|  <p><b>Santa Barbara County<br/>Air Pollution Control District</b></p> | <b>Case No / Date</b> | <b>2018-04-E</b>                     | <b>05/04/18</b> |
|   | <b>Petitioner</b>     | <b>ExxonMobil Production Company</b> |                 |
|   | <b>Permit #</b>       | <b>Part 70/PTO 5651</b>              |                 |
|   | <b>Date Rec'd</b>     | <b>05/02/18</b>                      |                 |
|   | <b>Time Rec'd</b>     | <b>10:39</b>                         |                 |
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**BEFORE THE HEARING BOARD  
OF THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTY  
AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT**

In The Matter of the Application of )  
 ExxonMobil Production Company for )  
 an Emergency Variance from District )  
 Rule 206, Condition 9.C.6(b)(v) of Part )  
 70/Permit to Operate 5651. )

**H.B. Case No. 2018-04-E**

**VARIANCE FINDINGS**

**AND ORDER**

ExxonMobil Production Company filed a Petition for an Emergency Variance on May 2, 2018. A hearing regarding the above-entitled matter was held on May 04, 2018. Patrice Surmeier represented the Petitioner, Mike McKay represented the Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District, and Robert Saperstein represented the Hearing Board for this Emergency Hearing.

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 Las Flores Canyon (LFC) oil and gas processing plant located approximately 25 miles northwest of the City of Santa Barbara, California.
4. On April 30, 2018, Pump PBA 1378B unexpectedly shutdown. This scrubber circulation pump is required to be operating at all times to assist in drawing any vapors from the EQ tank through the scrubber. The Petitioner filed a breakdown for coverage from this violation, but after further investigation, they discovered the issue could not be resolved within the timeline allowed by the breakdown. The Petitioner called the District to discuss their situation and then decided to file a petition for this Emergency Variance.

5. Operations at the Petitioner's facility are currently suspended due to the Plains All American Pipeline failure, as such; the EQ tank is only being used to store ancillary water. Therefore, any potential expansion losses are expected to have minimal associated emissions. In addition, the Petitioner will measure H<sub>2</sub>S emissions from the carbon canister outlets each day during the Variance period to determine any potential excess emissions.
6. 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
7. 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.
8. The District staff supports the Petition as conditioned below.
9. 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 15-Day Emergency Variance be granted for the continued operation of the Petitioner's facility in violation of Rule 206, Condition 9.C.6(b)(v) of Part 70/Permit to Operate 5651 from May 2, 2018 through May 16, 2018, or the date compliance is achieved, whichever occurs first, with the following conditions:

1. Petitioner shall submit a written report to the Hearing Board and District by June 01, 2018. The report shall include the date compliance was achieved together with the cause of the malfunction, description of the corrective action taken and the dates, times, and actual emissions that occurred during the variance, if any.
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 the 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: \_\_\_\_\_

5/4/18

  
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Robert Saperstein, Member  
Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District  
Hearing Board