 <p>air pollution control district SANTA BARBARA COUNTY</p>	Case No / Date	2020-18-E	11/24/2020
	Petitioner	Maria Joaquin Basin, LLC, Team Maria Joaquin, LLC, and Team Operating, LLC	
	Permit #	7053-R11	
	Date Rec'd	11/06/2020	
	Time Rec'd	1304 hours	
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**BEFORE THE HEARING BOARD
OF THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT**

In the Matter of the Application of)
 Maria Joaquin Basin, LLC, Team)
 Maria Joaquin, LLC and Team)
 Operating, LLC for an Emergency)
 Variance from District Rules 325.D.1,)
 and 206, Permit to Operate 7053-R11)
 Condition 2.f.)

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VARIANCE FINDINGS

AND ORDER

Maria Joaquin Basin, LLC, Team Maria Joaquin, LLC and Team Operating, LLC filed a Petition for an Emergency Variance on November 6, 2020. A hearing of the above-entitled matter was held on November 24, 2020. Aaron Bush and Jorge Vargas, represented the Petitioner, Eric Kett represented the Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District (District), and Terence Dressler represented the Hearing Board.

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 Bradley Lands/Bradley Consolidated Lease in the Santa Maria Valley Field consisting of the following individual leases: Bradley Consolidated, Bradley 1-Parcel E, Bradley Lands Unit and Shell-Standard Payne.
4. Crude oil, water and gas produced from the wells at the above leases is piped to the oil

and gas separators at the Bradley 3-Island Facility. Following gas separation, emulsion is sent to a free water knockout. Production is routed to one of three storage tanks connected in parallel. The free water knockout, separators and production tanks are all connected to the gas gathering and vapor recovery system.


5. On November 5, 2020, the Petitioner submitted breakdown report 11766, for a PG&E power outage, causing the electric vapor recovery compressor (APCD Device ID 006652) to be inoperable. PG&E was unable to make the repair before breakdown coverage expired. At this time, it is unknown when power will be restored. As a result, the Petitioner requested additional coverage.
6. Without Variance coverage, the Petitioner will be in violation of District Rules 325.D.1 and 206, Permit to Operate 7053-R11, Condition 2.f. In this case, both rules reflect the requirement to have an operational vapor recovery system at all times.
7. The Petitioner will monitor, using a toxic vapor analyzer, the stock tanks, waste oil tanks, slop tank, wastewater tanks and main gas compressor twice daily to ensure no leaks are present. The excess emissions from the granting of this variance are expected to be 62.68 lbs for the duration of the requested coverage.
8. If, due to reasons beyond the control of the Petitioner, compliance is not achieved during this Variance period, additional relief will be sought.
9. According to the Petitioner, 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.

THEREFORE, THE HEARING BOARD ORDERS, as follows:

That an Emergency Variance be granted for the continued operation of the Petitioner's lease without a vapor recovery system (APCD Device ID 006652) in violation of District Rules 325.D.1 and 206, Permit to Operate 7053-R11, Condition 2.f. from November 6, 2020 through November 21, 2020, or the date compliance is achieved, whichever occurs first, with the following conditions:

1. Petitioner shall investigate and mitigate any odor complaints received by the Petitioner and/or the District.
2. Petitioner shall submit a written report to the Hearing Board and District by December 4, 2020. The report shall include the date compliance was achieved, description of the corrective action taken to achieve compliance, the dates, times, and actual emissions that occurred during the variance period, a list of odor complaints received by the Petitioner and/or District (if any) and any investigation summaries and corrective actions taken in response to odor complaints.
3. Petitioner shall retain the obligation to comply with all other local, state and federal regulations not specifically referenced in the Order.
4. In accordance with District Fees Rule 210, Schedule F.12.e, the Petitioner shall pay excess emission fees for each additional ton of pollutant emissions or portion thereof allowed as the result of the issuance of this Variance.
5. Failure to abide by all conditions of this Order shall subject the Petitioner to penalties set forth in Health and Safety Code section 42402.
6. Each day during any portion of which a violation occurs is a separate offense.
7. The Environmental Protection Agency does not recognize California's Variance program, therefore, this Variance does not protect the Petitioner from Federal Enforcement actions.

DATED: Nov. 24, 2020


Terence Dressler
Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District
Hearing Board