



air pollution control district
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

**NOTICE OF VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA
AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT HEARING BOARD**

Based on guidance from the California Department of Public Health and the California Governor's Stay at Home Executive Order N-33-20 issued on March 19, 2020, to protect the health and well-being of all Californians, and to establish consistency across the state to slow the spread of COVID-19, the Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District Hearing Board will temporarily provide a virtual-only option for participation in hearings.

Notice is hereby given that the Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District Hearing Board will hold a **REMOTE VIRTUAL** public hearing to consider the following matter on Wednesday, March 3, 2021, at 9:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, via Zoom.

REMOTE VIRTUAL PARTICIPATION INFORMATION TO JOIN THE ZOOM MEETING

PC, Laptop or Phone: <https://tinyurl.com/MarchapcdHBLink>
Password: 750640

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Passcode: 750640

Public participation details will be included in the agenda.

Case No. 2021-04-R (Regular Variance) –

**Beacon West Energy Group, LLC
1145 Eugenia Place #101
Carpinteria, CA 93013**

Hearing – To consider a Petition for a Regular Variance from District Rules 331, 325.D.1, 325.E, 359.D.2.b.206, Part 70 Permit to Operate 9109-R4, Conditions 9.C.1.b.v, 9.C.1.b.vi, 9.C.1.c.i, 9.C.2.a, 9.C.2.b, 9.C.2.c, 9.C.2.d, 9.C.6.b.ii, 9.C.6.b.iii, 9.C.6.b.iv, 9.C.9, 9.C.14, and 9.C.15, submitted on January 8, 2021, for emission controls, maintenance, monitoring, and source testing requirements. This item is continued from the February 3, 2021, Hearing Board Meeting.

The Petitioner recently assumed oversight of Platform Houchin operations after the platform was not operated or adequately maintained by the previous owner/operator for approximately 1 year. As a result, the conditions on the platform have significantly deteriorated creating an unsafe work environment. The platform is not operational and is idle at this time, awaiting platform decommissioning.

Due to the unsafe work conditions and inoperable equipment, the Petitioner is unable to conduct required maintenance, monitoring and source testing as required. In addition, the Petitioner is unable to operate the control device for venting well head gas and fugitive emissions from associated components. As a result, the Petitioner requested variance coverage.

The Petitioner operates the equipment described in the Petition at Platform Houchin, located on offshore lease tract OCS-P-166, approximately 7 miles southeast from the City of Santa Barbara.

The Petitioner applied for an Interim Variance concurrently with the Regular Variance petition. As of February 11, 2021, Interim Variance Order 2021-02-I has not yet been heard. If granted, said order would remain in effect from January 8, 2021 through April 7, 2021, or the date a decision is made on this Regular

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Variance, or the date compliance is achieved, whichever occurs first. The Regular Variance, if granted, will allow the Petitioner enforcement relief from the date the decision is made on the Regular Variance, through January 7, 2022 or the date compliance is achieved, whichever occurs first. At this time, excess emissions associated with the granting of this variance are unknown.

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The Petitioner recently assumed oversight of Platform Hogan operations after the platform was not operated or adequately maintained by the previous owner/operator for approximately 1 year. As a result, the conditions on the platform have significantly deteriorated creating an unsafe work environment. The platform is not operational and is idle at this time, awaiting platform decommissioning.

Due to the unsafe work conditions and inoperable equipment, the Petitioner is unable to conduct required maintenance, monitoring and source testing as required. In addition, the Petitioner is unable to operate the control device for venting well head gas and fugitive emissions from associated components. As a result, the Petitioner requested variance coverage.

The Petitioner operates the equipment described in the Petition at Platform Hogan, located on offshore lease tract OCS-P-166, approximately 8 miles southeast from the City of Santa Barbara.

The Petitioner applied for an Interim Variance concurrently with the Regular Variance petition. As of February 11, 2021, Interim Variance Order 2021-03-I has not yet been heard. If granted, said order would remain in effect from January 8, 2021 through April 7, 2021, or the date a decision is made on this Regular Variance, or the date compliance is achieved, whichever occurs first. The Regular Variance, if granted, will allow the Petitioner enforcement relief from the date the decision is made on the Regular Variance, through January 7, 2022 or the date compliance is achieved, whichever occurs first. At this time, excess emissions associated with the granting of this variance are unknown.

Said Petitions are on file with the Clerk of the APCD Hearing Board and available for public inspection. Interested persons may submit written evidence, arguments concerning this matter, or make arrangements to view said Petitions before the hearing by contacting the Hearing Board Clerk at: variance@sbcapcd.org, or 260 North San Antonio Rd., Suite A, Santa Barbara, California 93110.

Witness my hand and seal this 11th Day of February, 2021.

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Clerk of the Hearing Board



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Deputy