

 <div> air pollution control district  SANTA BARBARA COUNTY </div>	Case No / Date	2025-07-E	05/14/2025
	Petitioner	Sable Offshore Corp.	
	Permit #	Part 70/PTO 9101-R7	
	Date Rec'd	05/08/2025	
	Time Rec'd	1558 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 )  
Sable Offshore Corp. for an )  
Emergency Variance from District )  
Rules 333.E.4.a, and 206, Part )  
70/Permit to Operate 9101-R7, )  
Condition 9.C.1.a.ii. )

**H.B. Case No. 2025-07-E**

**VARIANCE FINDINGS**

**AND ORDER**

Sable Offshore Corp. (Petitioner) filed a Petition for an Emergency Variance on May 8, 2025. A hearing of the Emergency Variance Petition was held on May 14, 2025. Patrice Surmeier represented the Petitioner, Aimee Long represented the Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District (District) and Terence Dressler represented the Hearing Board for this Emergency Variance 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.

### HEARING

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. A nuisance as defined in District Rule 303 is not expected to occur as a result of this Variance.
4. Pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 42359.5, "good cause" exists for the granting of the Petitioner's request for an Emergency Variance.
5. If, due to reasons beyond the control of the Petitioner, compliance is not achieved during this Variance period, additional relief will be sought.
6. District staff supports the Petition as conditioned below.

**BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS**

1. The Petitioner operates the equipment described in the Petition at Platform Harmony located in the Santa Ynez Unit on lease tract OCS P-0190 approximately 25 miles west of the City of Santa Barbara, California.
2. Platform Harmony is an eight leg, 60 well slot platform and is currently shut in. All vessels are either cleaned and empty or they have residual hydrocarbons within them that are blanketed with nitrogen.
3. The Petitioner operates a crane equipped with a 450-brake horsepower engine (APCD Device ID 005326) at the Platform to unload and load crew and supplies from marine vessels. The crane also moves large containers and materials on the Platform. The crane is necessary to support the crew living on the platform, maintenance activities, and for potential worker safety issues and environmental hazards.
4. The crane engine (APCD Device ID 005326) is required by the Petitioner's permit and District Rule 333 to undergo biennial source testing.
5. Source testing on the crane engine was last conducted on March 28, 2025. Preliminary results received on May 7, 2025 indicated a non-passing NOx concentration @15% oxygen was 727 ppmv (limit 700 ppmv at 15% oxygen).
6. Retesting for the crane engine is scheduled for June 5, 2025.
7. The initial source test results indicated the NOx ppmv concentration was exceeded, however, the emission rate (lbs/hr) was not exceeded. As a result, no excess emissions are expected with the granting of this variance request.
8. Without Variance coverage, the Petitioner will be in violation of District Rules 333.E.4.a, and 206, Part 70/Permit to Operate 9101-R7, Condition 9.C.1.a.ii.
9. If, due to reasons beyond the control of the Petitioner, passing results are not achieved during this Variance period, additional relief will be sought.

**THEREFORE, THE HEARING BOARD ORDERS,** as follows:

That an Emergency Variance be granted for operating the Petitioner's crane engine (APCD Device ID 005326) in violation of the NO<sub>x</sub> ppmv concentration, which is in violation of District Rules 333.E.4.a, and 206, Part 70/Permit to Operate 9101-R7, Condition 9.C.1.a.ii, from May 8, 2025 through June 7, 2025, 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, to [variance@sbcapcd.org](mailto:variance@sbcapcd.org), by July 22, 2025, or within 45 calendar days of achieving compliance, whichever occurs first. The report shall include the date compliance was achieved, source test report, operation logs for the crane engine, actual excess emissions (lb/day), if any, that occurred during the variance period.
2. Petitioner shall monitor, record, and quantify, on a daily basis, all emissions related to the granting of this Variance.
3. Petitioner shall retain the obligation to comply with all other local, state, and federal regulations not specifically referenced in the Order.
4. 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.
5. In accordance with District Fees Rule 210, 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.
6. The Environmental Protection Agency does not recognize California's Variance Program; therefore, this Variance does not protect the Petitioner from Federal Enforcement actions.
7. Each day during any portion of which a violation occurs is a separate offense.

**DATED:** 05/14/2025 \_\_\_\_\_

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Hearing Board