

 <div>air pollution control district SANTA BARBARA COUNTY</div>	Case No / Date	2025-10-E	06/06/2025
	Petitioner	Sable Offshore Corp.	
	Permit #	Part 70/PTO 9101-R7	
	Date Rec'd	05/30/2025	
	Time Rec'd	1908 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)
Rule 206, Part 70/Permit to)
Operate 9101-R7, Conditions 9.C.3.a)
and 9.C.b.i.)

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VARIANCE FINDINGS

AND ORDER

Sable Offshore Corp. (Petitioner) filed a Petition for an Emergency Variance on May 30, 2025. A hearing of the Emergency Variance Petition was held on June 9, 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

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. The platform is equipped with a waste gas flaring system for planned and unplanned flaring events.
3. The equipment described in the Petition, the unplanned flare (APCD Device ID 112395), is utilized for unplanned flaring events.
4. The Petitioner's permit limits unplanned flaring event volumes for the unplanned flare (APCD Device ID 112395).
5. On May 30, 2025, the Petitioner discovered a small continuous unplanned flaring event, which caused an exceedance of the quarterly unplanned flaring volume. Crews were dispatched to ensure the flare meter was working properly and reporting correctly to the distributed control system.
6. The Petitioner also began validating all pressure safety valves (PSV) and pressure safety equipment (PSE) that are routed to the flare piping to determine the source of the hydrocarbons venting to the flare. These activities have reduced the hydrocarbon flow to the flare but have not resulted in completely located the equipment venting to the flare.
7. On May 26, 2025, the Petitioner exceeded the quarterly unplanned flaring event volume. As a result, the Petitioner requested variance coverage for the remainder of the quarter.

FINDINGS

1. Without Variance coverage, the Petitioner will be in violation of District Rule 206, Part 70/Permit to Operate 9101-R7, Conditions 9.C.3.a. and 9.C.b.i.
2. Pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 42359.5, "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 operating the Petitioner's flare during unplanned flaring events in violation of the quarterly limit, which is in violation of District Rule 206, Part 70/Permit to Operate 9101-R7, Conditions 9.C.3.a and 9.C.b.i, from May 30, 2025 through June 28, 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, by July 18, 2025. The report shall include the date compliance was achieved, date, time, duration and volume of each unplanned flaring event and totaled for the variance duration, and, 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: 06/09/2025

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Hearing Board