

 <p>air pollution control district SANTA BARBARA COUNTY</p>	Case No / Date	2026-01-E	02/13/2026
	Petitioner	Sable Offshore Corp.	
	Permit #	Part 70/PTO 5651-R7	
	Date Rec'd	12/30/2025	
	Time Rec'd	0842 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 5651-R7, Condition 9.C.15.c)

H.B. Case No. 2026-01-E

VARIANCE FINDINGS

AND ORDER

Sable Offshore Corp. (Petitioner) filed a Petition for an Emergency Variance on December 30, 2025. A hearing of the Emergency Variance Petition was held on February 13, 2026. 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. If, due to reasons beyond the control of the Petitioner, compliance is not achieved during this Variance period, additional relief will be sought.
5. District staff supports the Petition as conditioned below.

BACKGROUND

1. The Petitioner operates the equipment described in the Petition at Sable Offshore Corp.'s (Sable) Las Flores Canyon Oil and Gas Processing Plant (LFC) located approximately 25 miles northwest of the City of Santa Barbara, California.
2. The Petitioner's main operating permit, PT 70/PTO 5651-R7, authorizes the operation of equipment and processes located at the LFC, which is part of the Sable Santa Ynez Unit (SYU) Project stationary source. The SYU Project stationary source produces oil and gas from three platforms (Platforms Hondo, Harmony and Heritage) located offshore in the Santa Barbara Channel.
3. The Petitioner's onshore facility, LFC, is subdivided into the following plants: Oil Treating Plant (OTP), Stripping Gas Treating Plant (SGTP), Transportation Terminal (TT) and cogeneration Power Plant (CPP).
4. The equipment listed in the petition is associated with the Stripping Gas Treating Plant (SGTP) which produces a sweet fuel gas for use in the onshore facilities. Natural gas liquids (NGL) and sulfur are also produced. Acid gases from the fuel gas amine system, NGL sweetening system, and OTP water treating system are treated in a Sulfur Recovery Unit (SRU) (a combination of the Claus and tail gas units). A small quantity of acid gas remaining after cleanup in the tail gas unit is incinerated at the Waste Gas Incinerator (EAL-4603).
5. The Petitioner began operations of the LFC facility in May 2025 with the anticipation that the 324/325 pipeline would shortly be approved for transporting crude. Because of the unanticipated approval delays, operations were paused in August. At the end of September 2025 the operations were restarted for 3 days in order to verify production, this time period included two days in the fourth quarter (October 1 and 2).
6. The Petitioner's permit requires the process stream fuel gas for the SGTP to be taken at the Fuel Gas Scrubber and analyzed for higher heating value (HHV), total sulfur, hydrogen sulfide (H₂S) and position on a quarterly basis. In addition, the SGTP gas is required to be continuously monitored for HHV and H₂S.
7. The SGTP operated from October 1, 2025 through October 2, 2025 during the fourth quarter. As result, the SGTP gas is subject to the monitoring requirements specified in the Petitioner's permit.
8. On October 2, 2025, the SGTP was shut down with the expectation that operations would restart prior to the end of the quarter (December 31, 2025). However, the SGTP did not restart and was not operating again in the fourth quarter.
9. Due to the short run time of the equipment, and the unexpected and prolonged shutdown, the Petitioner was unable to collect and analyze the SGTP provided fuel gas sample for the fourth

quarter. As a result, the Petitioner is requesting variance coverage.

10. No excess emissions are expected with the granting of this Variance request.

FINDINGS

1. Without Variance coverage, the Petitioner will be in violation of District Rule, 206, Part 70/Permit to Operate 5651-R7, Condition 9.C.15.c.
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 the 2025 fourth quarter SGTP process stream fuel gas analysis and monitoring, which is in violation of District Rule, 206, Part 70/Permit to Operate 5651-R7, Condition 9.C.15.c from December 30, 2025 through December 31, 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 February 27, 2026. The report shall include the date compliance was achieved.
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 this Order shall subject the Petitioner receiving the variance to penalties set forth in Health and Safety Code section 42402.
4. 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.
5. The Environmental Protection Agency does not recognize California’s Variance Program; therefore, this Variance does not protect the Petitioner from Federal Enforcement actions.
6. Each day during any portion of which a violation occurs is a separate offense.

DATED: 02/13/2026

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Hearing Board