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Terence Dressler, Chair

Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District Hearing Board

260 N. San Antonio Road, Suite A

Santa Barbara, CA 93110

RE: Opposition to Sable Offshore Corp.'s Variance Request — Platform Heritage

Dear Chair Dressler:

The undersigned organizations urge the Board to deny Sable Offshore Corp.'s petition for a variance from its air quality permit conditions at Platform Heritage.

This petition is not an isolated request, but it represents a startling departure from important clean air standards. Sable has now sought nearly a dozen emergency variances across its Santa Ynez Unit facilities since attempting to restart operations after a decade. Rather than addressing underlying maintenance and compliance problems, Sable is asking the air board for a variance to violate the limits that protect public health and the environment.

Sable's own petition makes clear that compliance is within the company's control—it simply finds compliance inconvenient and costly. The company has not shown that it has seriously considered curtailing operations as an alternative to polluting beyond permitted limits. Granting yet another variance would reward a pattern of seeking shortcuts instead of fixing the real problems.

Importantly, a denial of Sable's petition would simply hold the company to air quality requirements, rather than further shifting the burden of its operations on to the environment and the public. Denial would be in line with this Board's duties to protect clean air, and the Board at the very least must assess Sable's compliance with the criteria outlined in District Rules, which we believe Sable does not meet and are grounds for denial.

Air pollution from flaring at Sable's facilities includes pollutants known to harm public health and the environment. Santa Barbara County residents don't deserve to suffer at the hands of an operator that treats permit limits as optional whenever production is at stake.

We urge the Board to deny this variance request and hold Sable accountable to the same standards required of every other operator in the District.

Respectfully submitted,

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