



**DEC 15 2014**

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**Re: Revised Notice of Final Action - Minor Title V Permit Modification  
District Facility # S-1703  
Project # 1142832**

Dear Mr. Butler:

The Air Pollution Control Officer has modified the Title V permit for MacPherson Oil Company by incorporating Authority to Construct (ATC) S-1703-143-20. The ATC authorized addition of 350 Thermally Enhanced Oil Recovery (TEOR) wells operated with open or closed casing vents.

Please note that the previous permit mailed on December 2, 2014 erroneously did not list tank S-1703-211 as connected to the vapor control system. Please replace your copy of PTO S-1703-143-21 with the revised copy which includes tank '211 in the vapor control system.

Enclosed is the modified Title V permit. The application and proposal were initially sent to US EPA Region IX on October 10, 2014. No comments were received following the District's preliminary decision on this project.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Leonard Scandura, Permit Services Manager, at (661) 392-5500.

Sincerely,

Arnaud Marjollet  
Director of Permit Services

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Enclosures

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# San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District

**PERMIT UNIT:** S-1703-143-21

**EXPIRATION DATE:** 07/31/2016

**SECTION:** NE20 **TOWNSHIP:** 28S **RANGE:** 29E

## **EQUIPMENT DESCRIPTION:**

THERMALLY ENHANCED OIL RECOVERY (TEOR) OPERATION SERVING UP TO 600 WELLS INCLUDING HEAT EXCHANGERS, SEPARATORS, KNOCKOUTS AND COMPRESSOR STATIONS WITH OPEN OR CLOSED CASING VENTS CONNECTED TO WELL VENT VAPOR CONTROL SYSTEM AND TANK VAPOR CONTROL SYSTEMS S-1703-139, -144, -184, AND -211 WITH H<sub>2</sub>S SCRUBBER SYSTEM AND COMPRESSED VAPOR PIPING TO STEAM GENERATORS S-1703-157, '-158, '-159, '-160, '-161, AND '-162 FOR INCINERATION OF NONCONDENSIBLE VAPORS OR TO GAS DISPOSAL WELL

## **PERMIT UNIT REQUIREMENTS**

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1. TEOR wells are authorized at Sections 7, 17, 18, 19, 20, and 29 T28S/R29E and at Sections 12 and 13 T28S/R28E. [District Rule 2201] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
2. The operation shall be equipped with heat exchangers, free water knockouts, gas liquid separators, vapor compressors with electric motors, and compressed vapor piping to any of the following steam generators S-1703-157, -158, -159, -160, -161, or '-162. [District NSR Rule] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
3. Noncondensibles shall be incinerated in steam generators S-1703-157, -158, -159, -160, -161, or '-162 or injected into DOGGR-approved disposal well. [District NSR Rule] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
4. During the time any steam-enhanced crude oil production well is undergoing service or repair while the well is not producing, it shall be exempt from the emission control requirements of District Rule 4401, 5.0 (as amended January 15, 1998). [District Rule 4401, 4.1] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
5. The crude oil production from wells associated with this permit unit shall not lie within 1000 feet of an air injection well used for in-situ combustion. [District Rule 4407, 2.0, 3.4, and 3.5] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
6. All required source testing shall conform to the compliance testing procedures described in District Rule 1081(as amended December 16, 1993). [District Rule 1081] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
7. The VOC content of the gas shall not exceed 10% by weight. [District Rule 2201] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
8. Operator shall conduct quarterly gas sampling for gas exiting the separator pressure vessel to qualify for exemption from fugitive component counts for components handling fluids with VOC content equal to or less than 10% by weight. If gas samples are equal to or less than 10% VOC by weight for 8 consecutive quarterly samplings, sampling frequency shall only be required annually. [District Rule 2201] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
9. VOC content of gas shall be determined by ASTM D1945, ASTM D1946, EPA Method 18 referenced as methane, or equivalent test method with prior District approval. [District Rule 2201] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
10. Gas and liquid leaks are as defined in Section 3.20 of Rule 4401. [District Rule 4401 3.20] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit

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11. An operator shall not operate a steam-enhanced crude oil production well unless the operator complies with either of the following requirements: The steam-enhanced crude oil production well vent is closed and the front line production equipment downstream of the wells that carry produced fluids (crude oil or mixture of crude oil and water) is connected to a VOC collection and control system as defined in Section 3.0 of Rule 4401, the well vent may be temporarily opened during periods of attended service or repair of the well provided such activity is done as expeditiously as possible with minimal spillage of material and VOC emissions to the atmosphere, or the steam-enhanced crude oil production well vent is open and the well vent is connected to a VOC collection and control system as defined in Section 3.0 of Rule 4401. [District Rule 4401, 5.5.1 and 5.5.2] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
12. An operator shall be in violation of this rule if any District inspection demonstrates or if any operator inspection conducted pursuant to Section 5.8 of Rule 4401 demonstrates the existence of an open-ended line or a valve located at the end of the line that is not sealed with a blind flange, plug, cap, or a second closed valve that is not closed at all times, except during attended operations as defined by Section 5.6.2.1 of Rule 4401 requiring process fluid flow through the open-ended lines, a component with a major liquid leak, or a component with a gas leak greater than 50,000 ppmv. [District Rule 4401 5.6.2] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
13. An operator shall be in violation of this rule if any District inspection demonstrates or if any operator inspection conducted pursuant to Section 5.8 of Rule 4401 demonstrates the existence of any combination of components with minor liquid leaks, minor gas leaks, or a gas leaks greater than 10,000 ppmv up to 50,000 ppmv that totals more than number of leaks allowed by Table 3 of Rule 4401. [District Rule 4401 5.6.2] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
14. An operator shall not use any component with a leak as defined in Section 3.0 of Rule 4401, or that is found to be in violation of the provisions of Section 5.6.2 of Rule 4401. However, components that were found leaking may be used provided such leaking components have been identified with a tag for repair, are repaired, or awaiting re-inspection after being repaired within the applicable time frame specified in Section 5.9 of Rule 4401. [District Rule 4401 5.7.1] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
15. Each hatch shall be closed at all times except during sampling or adding of process material through the hatch, or during attended repair, replacement, or maintenance operations, provided such activities are done as expeditiously as possible with minimal spillage of material and VOC emissions to the atmosphere. [District Rule 4401 5.7.2] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
16. An operator shall comply with the requirements of Section 6.7 of Rule 4401 if there is any change in the description of major components or critical components. [District Rule 4401 5.7.3] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
17. The annual inspection requirements of Section 5.8.1 through Section 5.8.5 of Rule 4401 shall not apply to components exclusively handling gas/vapor or liquid with a VOC content of ten percent by weight (10 wt %) or less, as determined by the test methods in Section 6.3.5 of Rule 4401. [District Rule 4401 4.9] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
18. Except for pipes and unsafe-to-monitor components, an operator shall inspect all other components pursuant to the requirements of Section 6.3.3 of Rule 4401 at least once every year. [District Rule 4401 5.8.1] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
19. An operator shall visually inspect all pipes at least once every year. Any visual inspection of pipes that indicates a leak that cannot be immediately repaired to meet the leak standards of this rule shall be inspected within 24 hours after detecting the leak. If a leak is found, the leak shall be repaired as soon as practicable but not later than the time frame specified in Table 4 of Rule 4401. [District Rule 4401 5.8.2] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit

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20. In addition to the inspections required by Section 5.8.1 of Rule 4401, an operator shall inspect for leaks all accessible operating pumps, compressors, and PRDs in service as follows: An operator shall audio-visually (by hearing and by sight) inspect for leaks all accessible operating pumps, compressors, and PRDs in service at least once each calendar week. Any audio-visual inspection of an accessible operating pump, compressor, and PRD performed by an operator that indicates a leak that cannot be immediately repaired to meet the leak standards of this rule shall be inspected not later than 24 hours after conducting the audio-visual inspection. If a leak is found, the leak shall be repaired as soon as practicable but not later than the time frame specified in Table 4 of Rule 4401. [District Rule 4401 5.8.3] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
21. In addition to the inspections required by Sections 5.8.1, 5.8.2 and 5.8.3 of Rule 4401, operator shall perform the following: initially inspect a PRD that releases to the atmosphere as soon as practicable but not later than 24 hours after the discovery of the release, re-inspect the PRD not earlier than 24 hours after the initial inspection but not later than 15 calendar days after the initial inspection, inspect all new, replaced, or repaired fittings, flanges, and threaded connections within 72 hours of placing the component in service. Except for PRDs subject to the requirements of Section 5.8.4.1 of Rule 4401, an operator shall inspect a component that has been repaired or replaced not later than 15 calendar days after the component was repaired or replaced. [District Rule 4401 5.8.4] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
22. An operator shall inspect all unsafe-to-monitor components during each turnaround. [District Rule 4401 5.8.5] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
23. District inspection in no way fulfills any of the mandatory inspection requirements that are placed upon operators and cannot be used or counted as an inspection required of an operator. [District Rule 4401 5.8.6] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
24. An operator shall affix a readily visible weatherproof tag to a leaking component upon detection of the leak and shall include the following information on the tag: date and time of leak detection, date and time of leak measurement, for a gaseous leak, the leak concentration in ppmv, for a liquid leak, whether it is a major liquid leak or a minor liquid leak, whether the component is an essential component, an unsafe-to monitor component, or a critical component. [District Rule 4401 5.9.1] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
25. An operator shall keep the tag affixed to the component until an operator has met all of the following conditions: repaired or replaced the leaking component, re-inspected the component using the test method in Section 6.3.3, and 5.9.2.3 of Rule 4401, or the component is found to be in compliance with the requirements of this rule. [District Rule 4401 5.9.2] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
26. An operator shall minimize a component leak in order to stop or reduce leakage to the atmosphere immediately to the extent possible, but not later than one (1) hour after detection of the leak. [District Rule 4401 5.9.3] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
27. Except for leaking critical components or leaking essential components subject to the requirements of Section 5.9.7 of Rule 4401, if an operator has minimized a leak but the leak still exceeds the applicable leak limits as defined in Section 3.0 of Rule 4401, an operator shall comply with at least one of the following requirements as soon as practicable but not later than the time period specified in Table 4 of Rule 4401: Repair or replace the leaking component; or vent the leaking component to a VOC collection and control system as defined in Section 3.0 of Rule 4401, or remove the leaking component from operation. [District Rule 4401 5.9.4] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
28. The repair period in calendar days shall not exceed 14 days for minor gas leaks, 5 days for major gas leaks less than or equal to 50,000 ppmv, 2 days for gas leak greater than 50,000 ppmv, 3 days for minor liquid leaks, 2 days for major liquid leaks. [District Rule 4401 5.9.4] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
29. The leak rate measured after leak minimization has been performed shall be the leak rate used to determine the applicable repair period specified in Table 4 of Rule 4401. [District Rule 4401 5.9.5] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
30. The time of the initial leak detection shall be the start of the repair period specified in Table 4 of Rule 4401. [District Rule 4401 5.9.6] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit

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31. If the leaking component is an essential component or a critical component that cannot be immediately shut down for repairs, and if the leak has been minimized but the leak still exceeds the applicable leak standard of this rule, the operator shall repair or replace the essential component or critical component to eliminate the leak during the next process unit turnaround, but in no case later than one year from the date of the original leak detection, whichever comes earlier. [District Rule 4401 5.9.7] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
32. The operator of any steam-enhanced crude oil production well shall maintain records of the date and well identification where steam injection or well stimulation occurs. [District Rule 4401 6.1.1] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
33. An operator of any steam-enhanced crude oil production well shall keep source test records which demonstrate compliance with the control efficiency requirements of the VOC collection and control system as defined in Section 3.0 of Rule 4401. [District Rule 4401 6.1.3] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
34. The results of source tests conducted pursuant to Section 4.6.2 of Rule 4401 shall be submitted to the APCO within 60 days after the completion of the source test. [District Rule 4401 6.1.4] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
35. Operator of any steam-enhanced crude oil production well shall keep an inspection log maintained pursuant to Section 6.4 of Rule 4401. [District Rule 4401 6.1.5] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
36. Records of each calibration of the portable hydrocarbon detection instrument utilized for inspecting components, including a copy of current calibration gas certification from the vendor of said calibration gas cylinder, the date of calibration, concentration of calibration gas, instrument reading of calibration gas before adjustment, instrument reading of calibration gas after adjustment, calibration gas expiration date, and calibration gas cylinder pressure at the time of calibration shall be maintained. [District Rule 4401 6.1.6] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
37. An operator shall maintain copies at the facility of the training records of the training program operated pursuant to Section 6.5 of Rule 4401. [District Rule 4401 6.1.7] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
38. Operator shall keep a copy of the APCO-approved Operator Management Plan at the facility. [District Rule 4401 6.1.8] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
39. Operator shall submit to the APCO not later than June 14, 2007 a list of all gauge tanks, as defined in Section 3.17. The list shall contain the size, identification number, the location of each gauge tank and specify whether the gauge tank is upstream of all front line production equipment. [District Rule 4401 6.1.9] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
40. The results of gauge tank TVP testing conducted pursuant to Section 6.2.5 shall be submitted to the APCO within 60 days after the completion of the testing. [District Rule 4401 6.1.10] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
41. An operator that discovers that a PRD has released shall record the date that the release was discovered, and the identity and location of the PRD that released. An operator shall submit such information recorded during the calendar year to the APCO no later than 60 days after the end of the calendar year. [District Rule 4401 6.1.11] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
42. An operator shall source test annually all vapor collection and control systems used to control emissions from steam-enhanced crude oil production well vents to determine the control efficiency of the device(s) used for destruction or removal of VOC. Compliance testing shall be performed annually by source testers certified by ARB. Testing shall be performed during June, July, August, or September of each year if the system's control efficiency is dependent upon ambient air temperature. [District Rule 4401 6.2.1] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
43. If approved by EPA, ARB, and the APCO, an operator need not comply with the annual testing requirement of Section 6.2.1 if all uncondensed VOC emissions collected by a vapor collection and control system are incinerated in fuel burning equipment, an internal combustion engine or in a smokeless flare. [District Rule 4401 6.2.2] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
44. If approved by EPA, ARB, and the APCO, an operator need not comply with the annual testing requirement of Section 6.2.1 for a vapor control system which does not have a VOC destruction device. [District Rule 4401 6.2.3] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit

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45. An operator seeking approval pursuant to Section 6.2.2 or Section 6.2.3 shall submit a written request and supporting information to the APCO. The District shall evaluate the request and if approved by the APCO, the District shall provide EPA and ARB with a copy of the evaluation and shall request EPA and ARB approval. The District evaluation and the APCO request shall be deemed approved unless EPA or ARB objects to such approval in writing within 45 days of the receipt of the APCO request. [District Rule 4401 6.2.4] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
46. An operator shall comply with the following requirements for each gauge tank, as defined in Section 3.17 of Rule 4401: Conduct an initial TVP testing of the produced fluid in each gauge tank not later than June 14, 2007. Thereafter, an operator shall conduct periodic TVP testing of each gauge tank at least once every 24 months during summer (July - September), and whenever there is a change in the source or type of produced fluid in the gauge tank. The TVP testing shall be conducted at the actual storage temperature of the produced fluid in the gauge tank using the applicable TVP test method specified in Section 6.4 of Rule 4623 (Storage of Organic Liquids). The operator shall submit the TVP testing results to the APCO as specified in Section 6.1.10 of Rule 4401. [District Rule 4401 6.2.5] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
47. The control efficiency of any VOC control device, measured and calculated as carbon, shall be determined by EPA Method 25, except when the outlet concentration must be below 50 ppm in order to meet the standard, in which case EPA Method 25a may be used. EPA Method 18 may be used in lieu of EPA Method 25 or EPA Method 25a provided the identity and approximate concentrations of the analytes/compounds in the sample gas stream are known before analysis with the gas chromatograph and the gas chromatograph is calibrated for each of those known analyte/compound to ensure that the VOC concentrations are neither under- or over-reported. [District Rule 4401 6.3.1] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
48. VOC content shall be analyzed by using the latest revision of ASTM Method E168, E169, or E260 as applicable. Analysis of halogenated exempt compounds shall be performed by using ARB Method 432. [District Rule 4401 6.3.2] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
49. Leak inspection, other than audio-visual, and measurements of gaseous leak concentrations shall be conducted according to EPA Method 21 using an appropriate portable hydrocarbon detection instrument calibrated with methane. The instrument shall be calibrated in accordance with the procedures specified in EPA Method 21 or the manufacturer's instruction, as appropriate, not more than 30 days prior to its use. The operator shall record the calibration date of the instrument. Where safety is a concern, such as measuring leaks from compressor seals or pump seals when the shaft is rotating, a person shall measure leaks by placing the instrument probe inlet at a distance of one (1) centimeter or less from the surface of the component interface. [District Rule 4401 6.3.3] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
50. The VOC content by weight percent (wt.%) shall be determined using American Society of Testing and Materials (ASTM) D1945 for gases and South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) Method 304-91 or the latest revision of ASTM Method E168, E169 or E260 for liquids. [District Rule 4401 6.3.5] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
51. Operator shall maintain an inspection log in which an operator records, at a minimum, all of the following information for each inspection performed: The total number of components inspected, total number and percentage of leaking components found by component type, location, type, and name or description of each leaking component and description of any unit where the leaking component is found, date of leak detection and the method of leak detection. For gaseous leaks, the leak concentration in ppmv, and for liquid leaks record whether the leak is a major liquid leak or a minor liquid leak. the date of repair, replacement, or removal from operation of leaking components, identify and location of essential components and critical components found leaking that cannot be repaired until the next process unit turnaround or not later than one year after leak detection, whichever comes earlier, methods used to minimize the leak from essential components and critical components found leaking that cannot be repaired until the next process unit turnaround or not later than one year after leak detection, whichever comes earlier, the date of re-inspection and the leak concentration in ppmv after the component is repaired or is replaced, the inspector's name, business mailing address, and business telephone number, date and signature of the facility operator responsible for the inspection and repair program certifying the accuracy of the information recorded in the log. [District Rule 4401 6.4] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit

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52. All records shall be maintained and retained on-site for a period of at least 5 years and shall be made available for District inspection upon request. [District Rule 1070] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit

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