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Mr. Raymond Rodriguez
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**Re: Final - Authority to Construct / Certificate of Conformity (Minor Mod)
Project # S-1131068**

Dear Mr. Rodriguez:

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Enclosed is the Authority to Construct and invoice. The application and proposal were sent to US EPA Region IX on April 30, 2013. No comments were received following the District's preliminary decision on this project.

Prior to operating with modifications authorized by the Authority to Construct, you must submit an application to modify the Title V permit as an administrative amendment in accordance with District Rule 2520, Section 11.5.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Jim Swaney, Permit Services Manager, at (559) 230-5900.

Sincerely,

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AUTHORITY TO CONSTRUCT

PERMIT NO: S-6848-14-0

ISSUANCE DATE: 05/22/2013

LEGAL OWNER OR OPERATOR: OCCIDENTAL OF ELK HILLS INC
MAILING ADDRESS: 10800 STOCKDALE HIGHWAY
BAKERSFIELD, CA 93311

LOCATION: HEAVY OIL WESTERN

EQUIPMENT DESCRIPTION:
THERMALLY ENHANCED OIL RECOVERY OPERATION WITH 3 CLOSED CASING VENTS CYCLIC WELLS

CONDITIONS

1. This Authority to Construct serves as a written certificate of conformity with the procedural requirements of 40 CFR 70.7 and 70.8 and with the compliance requirements of 40 CFR 70.6(c). [District Rule 2201] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
2. Prior to operating with modifications authorized by this Authority to Construct, the facility shall submit an application to modify the Title V permit with an administrative amendment in accordance with District Rule 2520 Section 5.3.4. [District Rule 2520, 5.3.4] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
3. Fugitive emissions from all components in gas service associated with this TEOR operation shall not exceed 0.12 lb VOC/day. [District Rule 2201] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
4. Leaks exceeding an instrument reading of 10,000 ppmv are a violation of this permit. [District Rule 2201] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
5. A gas leak is defined as the detection of a concentration of total organic compounds, above background (measured in accordance with EPA Method 21) that exceeds the following values: 1) A major gas leak is a detection of greater than 10,000 ppmv as methane; and 2) A minor gas leak is a detection of 400 to 10,000 ppmv as methane for pressure relief devices (PRDs) and 2,000 to 10,000 for components other than PRDs. [District Rule 4401] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
6. A liquid leak is defined as the dripping of VOC-containing liquid. A major liquid leak is a visible mist or a continuous flow of liquid that is not seal lubricant. A minor liquid leak is a liquid leak that is not a major liquid leak and drips liquid at a rate of more than three drops per minute, except for seal lubricant. [District Rule 4401] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit

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YOU MUST NOTIFY THE DISTRICT COMPLIANCE DIVISION AT (661) 392-5500 WHEN CONSTRUCTION IS COMPLETED AND PRIOR TO OPERATING THE EQUIPMENT OR MODIFICATIONS AUTHORIZED BY THIS AUTHORITY TO CONSTRUCT. This is NOT a PERMIT TO OPERATE. Approval or denial of a PERMIT TO OPERATE will be made after an inspection to verify that the equipment has been constructed in accordance with the approved plans, specifications and conditions of this Authority to Construct, and to determine if the equipment can be operated in compliance with all Rules and Regulations of the San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District. Unless construction has commenced pursuant to Rule 2050, this Authority to Construct shall expire and application shall be cancelled two years from the date of issuance. The applicant is responsible for complying with all laws, ordinances and regulations of all other governmental agencies which may pertain to the above equipment.

Seyed Sadredin, Executive Director / APCO

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DAVID WARNER, Director of Permit Services
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7. 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. [District Rule 4401, 4.1] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
8. An operator shall not operate a steam-enhanced crude oil production well unless the operator complies with 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, 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, 5.1.1 and 5.1.2] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
9. An operator shall be in violation of this rule if any District inspection demonstrates that one or more of the following conditions in Section 5.2.2 exist at the facility or if any operator inspection conducted pursuant to Section 5.4 of Rule 4401 demonstrates that one or more of the following conditions in Section 5.2.2 exist at the facility: 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 5.2.2.1 of Rule 4401 requiring process fluid flow through the open-ended lines. [District Rule 4401, 5.2.2] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
10. An operator shall be in violation of this rule if any District inspection demonstrates that one or more of the following conditions exist at the facility or if any operator inspection conducted pursuant to Section 5.4 of Rule 4401 demonstrates that one or more of the conditions in Section 5.2.2 exist at the facility: existence of a component with any of the following: a major liquid leak, a gas leak greater than 50,000 ppmv, a minor liquid leak or a minor gas leak in excess of the allowable number of leaks allowed by Table 3 of Rule 4401, or a gas leak greater than 10,000 ppmv up to 50,000 ppmv in excess of the allowable number of leaks allowed by Table 3 of Rule 4401. [District Rule 4401, 5.2.2] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
11. 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 5.2.2 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 5.5 of Rule 4401. [District Rule 4401, 5.3.1] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
12. Each hatch shall be closed at all times except during attended repair, replacement, or maintenance operations, providing such activities are done as expeditiously as possible with minimal spillage or material and VOC emissions into the atmosphere. [District Rule 4401, 5.3.2] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
13. The operator shall comply with the requirements of Section 6.7 if there is any change in the description of major components or critical components. [District Rule 4401, 5.3.3] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
14. Unless otherwise specified in Section 5.4, an operator shall perform all component inspections and gas leak measurements pursuant to the requirements of Section 6.3.3. [District Rule 4401, 5.4] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
15. Except for pipes and unsafe-to-monitor components, an operator shall inspect all other components pursuant to the requirements of Section 6.3.3 at least once every year. [District Rule 4401, 5.4.1] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
16. 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 this Rule. [District Rule 4401, 5.4.2] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit

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17. An operator shall inspect for leaks all accessible operating pumps, compressors, and PRDs in service as follows: 1) 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. 2) 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 this Rule. [District Rule 4401, 5.4.3] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
18. The operator shall also perform the following inspections: 1) An operator shall 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. An operator shall re-inspect the PRD not earlier than 24 hours after the initial inspection but not later than 15 calendar days after the initial inspection. 2) An operator shall inspect all new, replaced, or repaired fittings, flanges, and threaded connections within 72 hours of placing the component in service, and 3) Except for PRDs subject to the requirements of Section 5.4.4.1 of this Rule, 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, 5.4.4] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
19. Components located in unsafe areas shall be inspected and repaired at the next process unit turnaround and inaccessible components shall be inspected at least annually. [District Rule 4401, 5.4.7] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
20. A 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, 5.4.8] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
21. Upon detection of a leak, an operator shall affix a readily visible weatherproof tag to that leaking component that includes the following information: 1) The date and time of leak detection; 2) The date and time of the leak measurement; 3) For a gaseous leak, the leak concentration in ppmv; 4) For a liquid leak, whether it is a major or minor liquid leak; and 5) Whether the component is an essential component, and unsafe-to-monitor component, or a critical component. [District Rule 4401, 5.5.1] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
22. The tag shall remain affixed to the leaky component until all the following requirements are met: 1) The component is repaired or replaced, 2) The component is re-inspected as set forth in Section 6.3, and 3) The component is found to be in compliance with this Rule. [District Rule 4401, 5.5.2] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
23. 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, 5.5.3] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
24. Except for leaking critical components or leaking essential components subject to the requirements of Section 5.5.7 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 3 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, 5.5.4] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
25. 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, 5.5.4] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
26. 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 3 of Rule 4401. [District Rule 4401, 5.5.5] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
27. The time of the initial leak detection shall be the start of the repair period specified in Table 3 of Rule 4401. [District Rule 4401, 5.5.6] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit

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28. 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, 5.5.7] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
29. 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
30. The operator of any steam-enhanced crude oil production well shall maintain an inspection log pursuant to Section 6.4 of Rule 4401. [District Rule 4401, 6.1.4] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
31. Records shall be maintained 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 [District Rule 4401, 6.1.5] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
32. 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, 6.1.6] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
33. Operator shall keep a copy of the APCO-approved Operator Management Plan at the facility. [District Rule 4401, 6.1.7] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
34. The results of gauge tank TVP testing conducted pursuant to Section 6.2.3 shall be submitted to the APCO within 60 days after the completion of the testing. [District Rule 4401, 6.1.9] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
35. 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, 6.1.10] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
36. 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
37. The operator shall maintain an inspection log in which the operator records at least all of the following for each inspection performed: 1) The total number of components inspected, and the total number and percentage of leaking components found by component type, 2) The location, type and name or description of each leaking component and description of any unit where the leaking component is found, 3) The date of leak detection and the method of leak detection, 4) For gaseous leaks, the leak concentration in ppmv and, for liquids leaks, whether the leak is major or minor, 5) The date of repair, replacement or removal from operation of leaking components, 6) The identity and location of essential components and critical components as defined in this Rule, found leaking, that cannot be repaired until the next process unit turnaround or not later than one year after leak detection, whichever comes earlier, 7) The 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 1 year after detection, whichever comes earlier, 8) The date or re-inspection and the leak concentration in ppmv after the component is repaired or replaced, 9) The inspectors name, business mailing address, and business telephone number, and 10) The 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
38. The operator shall establish and implement an employee training program for inspecting and repairing components and recordkeeping procedures as necessary. [District Rule 4401, 6.5] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit

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39. By January 30 of each year, an operator shall submit to the APCO for approval, in writing, an annual report indicating any changes to an existing Operator Management Plan. [District Rule 4401, 6.7] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
40. Permittee shall maintain an accurate component count and resulting emissions calculations in accordance with CAPCOA's "California Implementation Guidelines for Estimating Mass Emissions of Fugitive Hydrocarbon Leaks at Petroleum Facilities," Table IV-2c (Feb 1999), Screening Value Ranges emission factors. Permittee shall update such records when new components are installed. [District Rule 2201] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
41. All records of required monitoring data and support information shall be maintained for a period of at least five years and shall be made readily available for District inspection upon request. [District Rules 2520, 9.4.2 and 4401, 6.1] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit