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*Matt Jenkins, Fire Chief*

September 16, 2009

South County Team  
Planning & Building Department  
County Government Center  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

Subject: DRC 2009-00002 (Excelaron/Mankins)

Dear John McKenzie:

CAL FIRE / San Luis Obispo County Fire Department has reviewed the EIR for the proposed re-activation of oil wells off Huasna Townsite Road, Arroyo Grande. The fire/life safety requirements implemented for DRC2006-00222, the original permit number, are still in effect. Please refer to attached letters written 07-27-07 and 09-02-08 relative to this project.

Should the applicant expand the project beyond four oil wells, CAL FIRE may require additional water storage, fire hydrants, or automatic fire suppression systems.

Sincerely,

Chad T. Zrelak  
Fire Captain



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July 27, 2007

South County Team  
Planning & Building Department  
County Government Center  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

Subject: DRC2006-00222 / Mankins

Our Department has reviewed the referral for a request to re-activate two to three capped off oil wells located at 6254 Huasna Townsite Road, Arroyo Grande, CA. This project is located in a very high fire severity zone in state responsibility area. The closest fire station response is approximately 30 minutes.

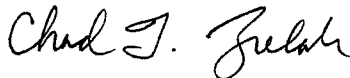
The following requirements apply to this project:

- Minimum road width shall be 18 feet wide, all weather surface, and support 20 tons. Road grades exceeding 12% shall be non-skid surface. Ten foot vegetation fuel reduction is required on either side of the road.
- Minimum 100 foot vegetation clearance shall be required around the oil wells and oil production facilities.
- Minimum 20,000 gallon water storage tank shall be located on-site with a gravity flow fire hydrant system in place. The hydrants shall have a minimum 4", schedule 40 PVC supply line with at least one 2 ½" fire hose, male thread and cap identified with a blue reflector. Each hydrant shall be located 50 to 150 feet from each oil well and within 8 feet of the access road.
- Each well site shall have a 40 BC rated extinguisher within 30 feet of the oil well operation.
- It is recommended that an automatic fire suppression system be installed for the oil production facility.
- The facility shall be clearly addressed with minimum 6" numbers at Huasna Townsite Road. Directional arrows and signage shall be provided where the road forks or changes direction.
- Combustibles or flammable substances stored on site shall be in approved, metal storage lockers.
- MSDS (Material Safety Data Sheets) shall be stored on site and easily accessible.

- Gates on the property shall be setback a minimum of 30 feet from Huasna Townsite Road. Gates or locked facilities shall have a KNOX box installed allowing access to the fire department.
- Any bridges on the access road must be at least 10 feet wide, support 20 tons, and be properly signed with load weight limits.
- A fire/emergency plan shall be implemented and each employee shall be knowledgeable of policies and procedures.

A fire/life safety inspection shall be conducted prior to occupancy or operation of the above facility. Contact our office at (805) 543-4244 ext. 2220 when ready for final inspection.

Sincerely,

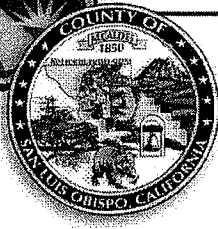


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September 2, 2008

Kit Matlick  
Excelaron, LLC  
1075 Court Street, Suite 207  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

SUBJECT: DRC2006-00222 / Oil Well Production Facility

Dear Kit:

On August 29, 2008, a site visit was conducted at the Porter Ranch to analyze the viability of using an existing gravel road as a travel route for trucks hauling oil from the proposed oil production facility, located at 6254 Huasna Townsite Road. The road extends from the south end of Huasna Townsite road and leads south, through the Porter Ranch to Highway 166 at Alamo Creek Road. This road would be closed to the Public.

Utilization of the road as a thoroughfare for oil trucks shall require compliance with County Fire Codes, CA Public Resources Code, Land Use Ordinances, Air Pollution Control District (APCD), and Department of Transportation (D.O.T.) requirements. This road is a secondary access road to the proposed oil facility for emergency vehicles. The main access for fire and emergency vehicles to the site will be Huasna Townsite Road.

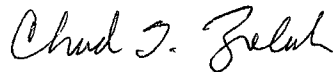
Specifically, CAL FIRE / San Luis Obispo County Fire Department mandates the following requirements for utilizing the gravel road as a travel route.

- It is understood that this is a secondary access route for emergency vehicles and may, at times, be inaccessible during wet winters when the Twitchell Reservoir is filled to capacity.
- The bridge on the north end leading into the ranch must be maintained to support 20 ton fire vehicles. Weight limits shall be posted on both ends of the bridge.
- Existing culverts underneath the road shall be maintained to support 20 tons.

- Soft, sandy portions of the road shall be reinforced with additional road base to maintain a solid surface. CAL FIRE does not require paving for this project.
- Grass and weeds shall be mowed or grazed off within ten feet of either side of the road.
- Turnouts are required every half mile, and shall be wide enough to accommodate an oil truck. Ideally, turnouts should be located on flat terrain with no slope.
- Vertical clearance directly above the road shall not be less than 13.6 feet. Tree branches shall be trimmed to meet this requirement.
- The “oak forest canopy” at the south end of the ranch may be maintained as is provided that grass and weeds underneath are grazed off or mechanically removed, so that annual vegetation does not grow taller than three inches.

If I may be of further assistance, please contact me at (805) 543-4244

Sincerely,



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Fire Captain

cc: John McKenzie (Planning Dept.)  
Glen Marshall (Public Works)