



SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY  
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND BUILDING

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DIRECTOR

October 22, 2009

Kit Matlick  
Excelaron, LLC  
679 Monterey Street  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

Subject: ***DRC2009-00002, Excelaron (Mankins) Conditional Use Permit/Re-Establishment of Drilling for an Oil Field***

Dear Mr. Matlick:

Thank you for the additional submittal. It has been reviewed by the Department of Planning and Building. The information that is on the attached list is required before it can be accepted as complete for processing, as required by California Government Code Section 65943.

You can help expedite the review process by making sure all the above information is submitted at one time, and that the re-submittal package has the project number on a cover sheet. If the requested information is not received within 90 days of this letter, your application will be deemed withdrawn (pursuant to Section 22.64.030B of the Land Use Ordinance).

Upon the submittal of this information, your application can be accepted as complete for processing.

If you have any questions concerning these requirements, please contact me at (805) 781-5452.

Sincerely,

**John McKenzie**  
Senior Environmental Planner

C - Howard Mankins  
1005 El Camino Real  
Arroyo Grande, CA 93420  
-Carol Florence, Oasis & Associates  
-Ellen Carroll, Environmental Coordinator  
-Art Trinidad, Code Enforcement

1. Based on Environmental Health's preliminary review of the Phase I Environmental Site Assessment, please prepare a Phase II report.
2. During testing, Baker tanks and temporary piping have been proposed. Please describe/ show secondary containment for these tanks and pipes.
3. With regards to the existing seep adjacent to the Shipping Site area, please submit the following:
  - a. Conduct the following to better determine oil well presence/absence: use of a magnetometer and ground-penetrating radar over the seep area. County staff and DOGGRs shall be notified prior to work beginning with the intent to observe the field work.
4. Based on Environmental Health's preliminary review, please provide better site plans and more detailed discussion of all equipment and operations to the extent that shows that existing regulatory standards will be met. This includes but not necessarily limited to applicable building codes, fire code and SPCC standards for the storage and movement of liquids.
5. Per APCDs response, please complete a diesel exhaust screening level health risk assessment.
6. We are currently reviewing the Supplemental Report prepared by Sage, and will get back to you shortly on its adequacy and assessment of the tar plant.



Re: Excelaron Submittal - Phase 1 EA

Aaron LaBarre o John McKenzie

10/09/2009 01:29 PM

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John,

I will provide detailed commentary on the submitted documents at a later date. I assume 30 days from the date you sent the response request to provide this commentary is acceptable. In this case that would be 10-26-09.

I have the following interim questions and comments until then:

- It appears Excelaron is amending their original facility plan. Their response letter refers to Baker tanks (which are portable) and piping connected to railroad ties. There is no mention of secondary containment.
- Excelaron needs to provide site plans and an equipment and operational description they are proposing now. We need to determine if their equipment meets standards. It appears from their statements in the letter their proposal will not meet applicable building, fire code and SPCC standards for the storage and movement of liquids.
- I am not providing commentary on the seep as DFG and the RWQCB have apparent jurisdiction over this.
- Based on a preliminary review of the Phase I ESA, a Phase II is warranted.

Aaron LaBarre  
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John McKenzie

Hi, Excelaron provided a response to the county'...

09/24/2009 02:41:44 PM

From: John McKenzie/Planning/COSLO  
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Subject: Excelaron Submittal - Phase 1 EA

Hi,

Excelaron provided a response to the county's concern over previous drilling efforts and the existing seep. The EA can be found on our website (or see attached). I would very much appreciate your review of any of the pertinent information that would fall under your jurisdiction from this submittal as to its adequacy or accuracy, and if you would recommend any follow-up work or clarifications. Thanks ahead for your help on this.

John McKenzie  
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Environmental & Resource Management Division  
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Once at our website (sloplanning.org), follow these categories, or enter in the address below:

> County Home Page > Planning and Building > Environmental Information and Natural Resource Environmental Notices, Proposed Negative Declaration, EIRs, Other Documents, Appeals > Excelar Conditional Use Permit

<http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/planning/environmental/EnvironmentalNotices/excelaron.htm>

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