Public Notice

Mississippi Environmental Quality Permit Board

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Public Notice Start Date: May 30, 2019 MDEQ Contact: Clinton Gentry

Venture Oil and Gas Inc, Sims 6-10 Number 1 Production Facility, located at 2558 Highway 528, in Heidelberg, MS, (601) 428-7725 (Laurel), has applied to the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality for the following permitting action(s): Modification of a Construction Permit and a True Minor Determination, Air Ref. No. 1300-00082. The applicant's operations fall within SIC Code 1311. A Statement of Basis has been prepared that contains a discussion of the decision-making that went into the development of the permit and provides the permitting authority, the public, and other government bodies a record of the technical issues surrounding issuance of the permit. The Statement of Basis also addresses any changes to emissions and/or discharges resulting from any modification of the facility.

The Sims 6-10 Number 1 Production Facility is an existing oil and gas production facility containing the following emission points: one (1) heater treater, one (1) process flare, five (5) storage tanks, one (1) pump engine, and loadout operations. All emissions from the storage tanks and field gas heater treater are routed to a control flare for combustion.

 Due to the decreased output of crude oil and produced gas from the well-site over time, the potential emissions from the facility has decreased to below the major source threshold of 100 tons per year of criteria pollutants. The facility is now considered a true minor source of emissions. All required state and federal regulations will remain in the construction permit; however, the existing reporting requirements have been removed. As a result of the emissions being so low, the facility could vent emissions to the atmosphere. However; each facility will continue to vent produced gas to the process control flare as a safety precaution.. The current oil and gas production rates are estimated at 37 bbls/day and 31 mscf/day respectively.

 The modification will also remove Emission Point AA-001 (150 HP Field Gas Compressor Engine) and Emission Point AA-004 (two phase separator) and add Emission Point AA-012 (165 HP Field Gas RICE).

The staff of the Permit Board has developed this draft permit based on information submitted to the Permit Board by the applicant, appropriate State and Federal agencies and other interested parties. The staff of the Permit Board is soliciting all relative information pertaining to the proposed activity, including public comment, to ensure that the final staff recommendation on the draft permit complies with all State and Federal regulations. Public review and comment on the draft permit and supporting documentation is an important element in the staff evaluation and resulting recommendation to the Permit Board. The draft permit conditions have been developed to ensure compliance with all State and Federal regulations but are subject to change based on information received as a result of public participation.

Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the proposed determinations are invited to submit comments in writing to Clinton Gentry at the Permit Board's address shown above, no later than the end of the thirty (30) day public notice. All comments received by this date will be considered in the formulation of final determinations regarding the application(s). A public hearing will be held if the Permit Board finds a significant degree of public interest in the proposed permit(s). Persons wishing to request a public hearing may do so by submitting that request in writing to Clinton Gentry or the Chief of the Environmental Permits Division at the address shown above. The Permit Board is limited in the scope of its analysis to environmental impact. Any comments relative to zoning or economic and social impacts are within the jurisdiction of local zoning and planning authorities and should be addressed to them.

Additional details about the application(s), including a copy of the draft permit(s), are available by writing or calling Lorenzo Boddie at the above Permit Board address and telephone number. Additionally, as a courtesy, for those with Internet access, a copy of the draft permit(s) may be found on the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality’s website at: http://opc.deq.state.ms.us/publicnotice.aspx . This information is also available for review at the following location(s) during normal business hours:

Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality

Office of Pollution Control

515 E. Amite St

Jackson, MS 39201

Mary Weems Parker Memorial Library

1016 North Pine Avenue

Heidelberg, MS 39439

Please bring the foregoing to the attention of persons whom you know will be interested.

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