



Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

April 11, 2023

ExxonMobil Oil Corporation
Attn: Ms. Marla D. Madden
8941 Atlanta Avenue, #384
Huntington Beach, CA 92646

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED
CLAIM NO.: 7022 3330 0000 0514 1791

Hanukah, Inc.
Attn: Mr. Vahid Vahdat
25808 South Narbonne Avenue
Lomita, CA 90717

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED
CLAIM NO.: 7022 3330 0000 0514 1807

Mr. Bharat Bhattarai
Agent for Service of Process for
Petroleum Management & Marketing
28441 Highridge Road, Suite 101
Rolling Hills Estate, CA 90274

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CLAIM NO.: 7022 3330 0000 0514 1814

UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK PROGRAM – EXTENSION REQUEST APPROVAL

**PACIFIC SHELL SERVICE STATION (FORMER SAFAR EXXON-MOBIL AND MOBIL SERVICE STATION #18-MRC)
25808 SOUTH NARBONNE AVENUE, LOMITA
(CASE NO. I-05152C) (GLOBAL ID NO. T10000013273)**

Dear Ms. Madden, Mr. Vahdat, and Mr. Bhattarai,

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Los Angeles Water Board) is the public agency with primary responsibility for the protection of groundwater quality and surface water quality for all beneficial uses within Los Angeles and Ventura counties. As such, the Los Angeles Water Board is the lead regulatory agency for overseeing corrective actions (assessment and/or monitoring activities) and cleanup of releases from leaking underground storage tank (UST) systems at the subject site (Site).

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 25296.10, ExxonMobil Corporation, Hanukah, Inc., and Petroleum Management & Marketing (collectively “Responsible Parties”) are required to take corrective action (i.e., Preliminary Site Assessment, Soil and Water Investigation, Corrective Action Plan Implementation, and Verification Monitoring)

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to ensure protection of human health, safety, and the environment. Corrective action requirements are set forth in California Code of Regulations (CCR), title 23, sections 2720 through 2727.

Los Angeles Water Board staff has reviewed the following document submitted by ETIC on behalf of the Responsible Parties for the Site:

- “Extension Request for Well Installation Report” (Extension Request) dated March 24, 2023.

The Los Angeles Water Board directive dated August 4, 2022 (Directive) required submittal of a well installation report (Report) by October 31, 2022. The Los Angeles Water Board extended the initial due date to January 31, 2023 on the October 26, 2022 directive, and to March 31, 2023 on the January 27, 2023 directive.

The Extension Request requests a 90-day extension for the Report, due to the southern adjacent property currently undergoing utility upgrades and the eastern adjacent property’s access agreement undergoing review. Open trenching and stockpiles are currently present on the southern adjacent property in the proposed MW-6 and MW-7 well locations. The property owner of the southern adjacent property indicated the utility upgrades would be completed at the end of March and well installation activities can be completed in April. In addition, there is a delay in obtaining the access agreement for drilling work on the eastern adjacent property, which is where monitoring wells MW-4 and MW-5 will be installed. ETIC received a signed access agreement from the southern adjacent property owner, SKF, on December 19, 2022. The access agreement for the eastern adjacent property is in legal review. The utility updates at the southern adjacent property are currently underway and the access agreement is pending for the eastern adjacent property, so drilling field work has not been able to start and the March 31, 2022, due date for the well installation report cannot be met. A 90-day extension is requested to allow time to obtain the approved access agreement letter, complete utility upgrades at the adjacent property, then to perform the well installation drilling, sampling, and to submit the well installation report.

Los Angeles Water Board staff concurs with the Extension Request and the Los Angeles Water Board grants an extension for submittal of the Report to **June 30, 2023** with the following addition. You are required to submit progress updates every 3 weeks regarding the status of the field work and the remaining access agreement to the Los Angeles Water Board, starting on May 1, 2023.

Enforcement

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 25299, subdivision (d), any person who violates any corrective action requirement established by, or issued pursuant to, section 25296.10 is liable for a civil penalty of not more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for

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each underground storage tank for each day of violation. A civil penalty may be imposed by civil action pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 25299, subdivision (d)(2) or imposed administratively by the Los Angeles Water Board pursuant to California Water Code (CWC) sections 13323 through 13328. The discretionary administrative civil liability may be assessed by the Los Angeles Water Board beginning with the date that the violation(s) first occurred. The Los Angeles Water Board may also request that the Attorney General seek judicial civil liabilities or injunctive relief pursuant to CWC sections 13264, 13304, and 13340. The Los Angeles Water Board reserves its rights to take any further enforcement action authorized by law.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Ms. Amanda Duval at (213) 576-6685 or at amanda.duval@waterboards.ca.gov or Dr. Weixing Tong at (213) 576-6715 or at weixing.tong@waterboards.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

For Renee Purdy
Executive Officer

cc: Milagros Alora, State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water
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