



Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

October 26, 2022

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

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED
CLAIM NO.: 7021 0950 0000 2489 6922

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

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED
CLAIM NO.: 7021 0950 0000 2489 6939

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

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED
CLAIM NO.: 7021 0950 0000 2489 6946

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) to ensure protection of human health, safety, and the environment. Corrective action

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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 ExxonMobil for the Site:

- “Extension Request for Well Installation Report” (Extension Request) dated October 21, 2022.

The Los Angeles Water Board directive dated August 4, 2022 (Directive) required submittal of a well installation report (Report) by October 31, 2022.

The Extension Request requests a 90-day extension for the Report, due to delays by the property owners in approving the access agreements for drilling work on the eastern adjacent property and the southern adjacent property, which is where monitoring wells MW-4 through MW-7 will be installed. ETIC, on behalf of Exxon, sent request for access letters to the two offsite property owners, BRFI Lomita LLC (BRFI) and SKF Investments LLC (SKF). A representative of BRFI indicated the access letter is under review. Confirmation of the certified mail delivery to SKF was obtained. However, ETIC has not received an access agreement or been able to contact SKF. The property owners have not yet approved the access agreements, so drilling field work has not been able to start and the October 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 letters, 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 **January 31, 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 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 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.

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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,

Renee Purdy
Executive Officer

cc: Milagros Alora, State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water
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Program Division
Carla Dillon, City of Lomita, Department of Public Works
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