Agency and Stakeholder Meeting Regarding Possible Reopening of AllenCo Energy, Meeting Summaries for November and December 2019

Summary of Agency and Stakeholder Meeting, Possible Reopening of AllenCo Energy, 12/4/19

Updates

DOGGR – continues weekly inspections. On 11/21/19 a small leak was found and a violation was issued. No additional leaks since then and the leak was subsequently repaired. AQMD and City of LA were notified of the leak. Regarding the remedial order, the Director has not yet made a decision on the appeal.

LAFD – At reinspection AllenCo Energy was unable to demonstrate that they had an idle well plan. As a result, LAFD legal is preparing paperwork that will be submitted to the City Attorney's office.

City Petroleum Administrator – Erica is the interim Petroleum Administrator.

AQMD – Issued a Notice to Comply for three minor leaks that occurred in November [Notes say 11/16 but I think they were repaired on 11/26?] AQMD is working to get air monitoring reports to community stakeholders for requested date (no sample from requested date but will share day before widespread reports of throat irritation resulting from a strong odor)

Discussion

Focus of discussion was on the process for sharing information with stakeholders. The suggestion was made that each agency look at its procedures and determine if there is another mechanism besides public records requests that may be a simpler way to provide information to the interagency and stakeholder group. Agencies to have a follow-up discussion.

Next Steps

DPH will work with agency and stakeholders to determine a meeting time for January. Regularly scheduled meetings will continue from February (1st Wednesday of each month at 9:30 AM).

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AQMD – Had issued NOV to Allenco Energy and they are now in compliance (corrected the leaks). Received 4 odor complaints 9/2 and 10/2.

- Question to AQMD – Were there leaks since 9/13? AQMD shared they will look into that.

Fire – Has a plan for reinspection. If AllenCo Energy doesn't pass the inspections the case will be referred to the City Attorney.

City Attorney – Their motion was heard on 10/23. Part of it was granted – AllenCo Energy (AE) must comply with Fire's Life Safety Plan and DOGGR's. The judge denied fenceline monitoring request because the court felt AE's current activity is not considered "resuming operations".

DOGGR – Staff does inspections every week with a floor camera. Found no leaks during 3 inspections on Sept. and Oct and the next inspection is 11/7.

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Cal EPA – Planning 2 community workshops. They have a multi-agency contract with UC for 2 research studies (1-vehicle emissions and 2 – manage the decline of fossil fuels). The goal is to reach carbon neutrality by 2045. 11/13 Bakersfield workshop. 11/14 Wilmington workshop.

AQMD – Continues to monitor air via stationary station on top of parking lot, every 6 days.

Community Stakeholders – will send Rafael date of large number of health symptoms and *AQMD will check if it was actively collecting data on 10/19 (Saturday at 8am) there were reports of throat issues. Stakeholders asked AQMD about resulting actions from the odor reports. AQMD will look into results. Rule 402 is the public nuisance code per CA Public Health and Safety code. AQMD only considers the number of people impacted as the number of people that call to report.

DOGGR – They issued a remedial order and AllencCo Energy appealed it. 10/22 there was an information hearing. They are waiting on a result form the office and the timeline is 30 days.