

PROJECT NAME: Addendum [to the] Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study Paramount Petroleum Alt-Air Renewable Fuels Project

PROJECT ADDRESS: 14700 Downey Avenue.

CITY AND COUNTY: Paramount, Los Angeles County.

LEAD AGENCY: City of Paramount Community Development Department. 16400 Colorado Avenue, Paramount, California 90723.

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APPLICANT: The Applicant is Paramount Petroleum Corporation (Glenn Clauson), 14700 Downey Avenue, Paramount, California, 90723.

1. INTRODUCTION

Paramount Petroleum is proposing to implement a number of modifications to its Alt-Air Renewable Fuels Project (referred to hereinafter as “the project”). These modifications are proposing minor modifications to accommodate lower feed rates during the initial operations of the project. The original project was approved in December 30, 2013. Because the currently proposed modifications will be made to the previously approved project, additional analysis pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) is warranted. However, it was determined that the previously proposed Alt-Air Renewable Fuels Project and the related environmental impacts, were comprehensively evaluated in a previously certified CEQA document and no significant impacts would occur. This Addendum evaluated environmental impacts resulting from currently proposed modifications to the project.

2. PROJECT BACKGROUND

The original Alt-Air project that was approved in December 2013 involved modifications to existing equipment including the addition of certain vessels to facilitate processing the of up to 3,500 barrels per day (BPD) of non-edible vegetable oils and high-quality beef tallow into renewable jet and diesel fuel. All construction and operation of the original project would occur within the confines of the existing Paramount Petroleum Refinery (PPR) facility. The original project included the installation of a 168-foot fractionation tower. The currently proposed modifications will utilize the existing Naphtha Splitter and the existing equipment in the Isomerization Unit Stabilizer Section during initial implementation of the project. As a result, the installation of the fractionation tower will not be required (this tower required a Zone Variance that was analyzed in the 2013 Final Negative Declaration). In addition, there would be minor fugitive component changes and piping changes. Use of the existing Naphtha Splitter will require piping for the approved jet sidecut stripper and reboiler (i.e., a heat exchanger) to the Naphtha Splitter instead of the Second Stage fractionation tower.

3. DESCRIPTION OF REVISED PROJECT

The City of Paramount (the City) has evaluated the changes to the December 2013 project (as detailed in Section 5.2 of this Addendum) and determined that the currently proposed modifications do not create any new significant adverse environmental impacts or any required mitigation beyond those identified in the

2013 Final Negative Declaration that was prepared for the original project. Therefore, when considering the effects of the currently proposed modifications, the City has concluded that an Addendum is the appropriate document to be prepared in accordance with CEQA in order to evaluate potential environmental impacts associated with the currently proposed modifications.

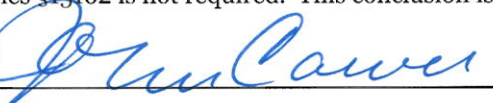
4. DETERMINATION

Based on the analysis of potential environmental impacts from the currently proposed modifications (Section 6), it can be concluded that the currently proposed modifications do not create new significant adverse impacts or increase the severity of significant impacts previously identified in the December 2013 Final Negative Declaration. As a result, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15164(a), this document constitutes an Addendum to the December 2013 Final Negative Declaration for the Paramount Petroleum Alt-Air Renewable Fuels Project. CEQA Guidelines §15164(a) allows a lead agency to prepare an Addendum to a Final EIR or Negative Declaration if all of the following conditions are met:

- There are no substantial changes with respect to the circumstances under which the project is undertaken that require major revisions to the previous Final EIR or Negative Declaration due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects.
- No new information becomes available which shows new significant effects or significant effects substantially more severe than previously discussed.
- If new mitigation measures have become available that would substantially reduce one or more significant effects on the environment from the project as originally approved, the project proponent agrees to adopt them.
- Only minor technical changes or additions are necessary to make the Final EIR or Negative Declaration under consideration adequate under CEQA.
- The changes to the Final EIR or Negative Declaration made by the Addendum do not raise important new issues about the significant effects on the environment.

The currently proposed modifications will not result in any new significant adverse effects. Further, the currently proposed modifications consist of only minor changes to the December 2013 Final Negative Declaration that do not raise important new issues about the previously analyzed significant environmental effects. Thus, the currently proposed modifications meet all of the conditions in the CEQA Guidelines §15164(a) for the preparation of an Addendum. Because the currently proposed modifications meet all of the conditions for preparing an Addendum, a subsequent Negative Declaration pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15162 is not required. This conclusion is supported by substantial evidence as explained herein.

Signature



City of Paramount, Community Development Department

Date

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