# **SJVAPCD Oil and Gas Reference Guide**

### **Rule 4401**

Steam-Enhanced Crude Oil **Production Wells** 

### **Rule 4409**

Components at Light Crude **Oil Production Facilities**, **Natural Gas Production** Facilities, and Natural Gas **Processing Facilities** 

**Rule 4623** 

Storage of Organic Liquids

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### **Steam-Enhanced Crude Oil Production Wells**

Steam-enhanced crude oil production wells include:

**VOC collection and** control systems include:

Hard-piping, ductwork

connections and flow

inducing devices that

transport gas or vapor

from a piece or pieces of

equipment to a control

device with a VOC

destruction or removal

efficiency of at least 99%,

that transports gases or

vapors back to a process

system.

The first vessel or tank which receives crude oil/fluids directly from wells subject to this Rule including, but not limited to:

Wash tanks

**Exemptions** 

Applies to all steamenhanced crude oil production wells, any associated VOC collection and control systems, and front line production equipment.

**Cyclic Wells** 

**Steam Drive** Wells

**Other Steam** Enhanced

**District Inspection** 



**Operator Inspection** 

**Administrative Requirements** 







Separators

**Operated under atmospheric** or close to atmospheric

pressure

 Subsequent downstream vessels are exempt

• Gauge tanks are not Front Line **Production Equipment** 



**Rule Amendments** 

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### **Rule 4401 Steam-Enhanced Crude Oil Production Wells**

**Exemptions** 

Well undergoing service or repair when not producing

**Components serving** produced fluid line

**Enclosed pressure** relief devices, pumps, and compressors controlled with a VOC collection system

**Components buried** underground

Up to 40 wells owned by a company undergoing pilot testing, provided:

Production zone on property has not been steamed in past 2 years

The wells are more than 1,000 feet from an existing well vent vapor collection system operated by the company

The operation is under District Permit

Up to 40 wells owned by a company undergoing well stimulation, provided:

The wells are more than 1,000 feet from an existing well vent vapor collection system operated by the company

The operation is under District Permit

Up to 5 cyclic wells owned by a company that is not a small producer and up to 20 cyclic wells owned by a small producer, provided:

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The wells are more than 1,000 feet from an existing well vent vapor collection system operated by the company

The operation is under District Permit

### **Rule 4401 Steam-Enhanced Crude Oil Production Wells**

Well Types

# Cyclic Well

A crude oil production well, which is periodically (at least once in the preceding two (2) year period) injected with steam from any source for the purpose of enhancing oil production.

# **Steam Drive** Well

A crude oil production well producing from the same production zone in which a steam injection well is completed and is within:

250 ft of a steam injection well, if the injection well is within a production well pattern of 2.5 acres or smaller

350 ft of a steam injection well, if the injection well is within a production well patterns of greater than 2.5 acres, but < or + 5 acres

500 ft of a steam injection well, if the injection well is within a production well pattern larger than 5 acres

1,000 ft of a steam injection well, and responds to steam injected in an irregular production well pattern, and exhibits visible emissions

Any other well in which the temperature of crude oil is raised, by steam injection, above the production zone *temperature that* existed prior to the *injection of steam.* 





# **Other Steam** Enhanced

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An operator shall be in violation of this rule if any **District inspection** demonstrates that one or *more of the following exist* 

**Open-ended line or valve** 

**Major Liquid Leak** 

**Gas Leak Greater Than** 50,000ppmv

Exceeding the allowable number of leaks

Failure to repair within the timeframe of Table 6

### **Method 21 Inspection**

Upon discovery, an operator shall minimize a component leak no later than one (1) hour after detection.

The leak rate measured after leak minimization has been performed shall be the leak rate used to determine the repair period in Table 6

*Component* **Types** 







### Per Section 6.3.3.1 leaks detected with Optical Gas Imaging

If accessible:

Must be measured within 2 calendar days using Method 21

If inaccessible or unsafe-to-monitor: Must be measured within 14 calendar days using Method 21

**Component Categories** 

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**Operator Inspection** 

An operator shall be in violation of this rule if any operator inspection demonstrates that one or more of the following exist

**Open-ended line or valve** 

**Major Liquid Leak** 

**Gas Leak Greater Than** 50,000ppmv

**Exceeding the allowable** number of leaks

Failure to repair within the timeframe of Table 6

**Required Quarterly Method 21 Inspection** Upon discovery, an operator shall minimize a component leak no later than one (1) hour after detection.

The leak rate measured after leak minimization has been performed shall be the leak rate used to determine the repair period in Table 6

*For Unsafe-to-monitor components only:* Quarterly inspection not required. Inspect at turnaround instead.

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### Per Section 6.3.3.1 leaks detected with Optical Gas Imaging

If accessible:

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If inaccessible or unsafe-to-monitor: Must be measured within 14 calendar days using Method 21

*Component* **Types** 

**Component Categories** 





**Rule 4401 Steam-Enhanced Crude Oil Production Wells** Leak Description

Gas leaks >50,000ppm Gas leaks 400 to 50,000ppm (Minor And Major)

Major liquid leak: A visible mist or continuous flow of liquid that is not seal lubricant

Table 2 – Gas Leak in ppmv as Methane after June 30, 2024				
Type of ComponentMajor Gas LeakMinor Gas Leak				
1. PRDs	Greater than 10,000 to 50,000 ppm	400 to 10,000 ppm		
2. Components other than PRDs	Greater than 10,000 to 50,000 ppm	500 to 10,000 ppm		

Any liquid or gas coming from a component undergoing repair or replacement, or during sampling of process fluid from a component into a container is not considered a leak provided such activities are done as expeditiously as possible and with minimal spillage of material and VOC emissions to the atmosphere.

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Minor liquid leak: A liquid leak, except seal lubricant, that is not a major liquid leak and drips liquid at more than 3 drops per minute



### **Rule 4401 Steam-Enhanced Crude Oil Production Wells**

Leak Minimization & Repair Period

Section 5.5.4 After leak minimization, a facility must comply with one of the following requirements per Table 6:

- **Repair or replace the leaking** component
- Vent the leaking component to ۲ a VOC collection and control system

Remove the leaking component from operation

Failure to comply with any of the above is a violation of this rule.

Table 6 – Repair Period after June 30, 2024					
Type of Leak	Repair Period in Calendar Days				
Gas Leaks					
Minor Gas Leak	14				
Major Gas Leak less than or equal to 50,000 ppmv	5				
Liquid Leaks					
Minor Liquid Leak	3				
Major Liquid Leak	1				

If the repair requires a rig-up operation, an extension of up to 30 calendar days may be granted. To learn more, click here.

**For Critical and Essential components only:** minimize leak if possible and repair during next process unit turnaround, in no case later than one year from leak detection date.

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### <u>Rule 4401</u> **Steam-Enhanced Crude Oil Production Wells** Exceeding the Number of Allowable Leaks

**Rule 4401** Table 4 Allowable number of leaks based on number of wells connected in the system

Table 4 – Number of Allowable Leaks after June 30,2024				
Number of Steam-Enhanced Crude Oil Production Wells Connected to a VOC Collection and Control System.	Number of Allowable Leaks			
1 to 5	0			
6 to 25	3			
26 to 50	6			
51 to 100	8			
101 to 250	10			
251 to 500	15			
More than 500	One (1) for each 20 wells tested with a minimum of 50 wells tested.			

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A line or valve, except for pressure relief devices and process drains, having one side of the line or valve seat in contact with the process fluid and one side open to the atmosphere, either directly or through an open piping.



Drain origination points and drain termination points are not openended lines. Process drains are not open-ended lines. Existence of an open-ended line or a valve located at the end of the line that is not sealed with a blind flange, plug, cap, or a second closed valve that is not closed at all times is a violation under Section 5.2.2.1.









**Rule 4401 Steam-Enhanced Crude Oil Production Wells Rig-Up Operations** 

An activity requiring any rig or pulling unit used for drilling and maintaining surface or downhole well equipment

Grants an extended repair period for up to 30 calendar days from initial leak detection provided the following conditions are met Does the repair require a Rig-Up **Operation to complete?** 

Submit notification for extended repair to Oil.Gas@valleyair.org District staff within the repair time in Table 6

*Include the permit* number. Date, time, and concentration of leak

**Proof that extended** repair was necessary Submit notification for extended repair to Oil.Gas@valleyair.org within 7 calendar days of completeing the repairs and reinspecting the component

Notifications for extended repair can be sent to Oil.Gas@valleyair.org

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Failure to comply with the previous steps shall be a violation of the rule



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### <u>Rule 4401</u> **Steam-Enhanced Crude Oil Production Wells**

Administrative Requirements

Submit Operator Management Plan by January 30 <sup>th</sup> each year per Section 6.6 must include:	Maintain LDAR inspection (Quarterly Inspe per Section 6.4 must
<ul> <li>Description of all wells and associated VOC collection and control system</li> </ul>	• Date, time, location, and co
<ul> <li>Identify and describe hazards</li> </ul>	• Date of repair, replacem operation
<ul> <li><u>Identify critical, essential, inaccessible, and</u> <u>unsafe-to-monitor components</u></li> </ul>	• Date of re-inspection an
<ul> <li><u>Identify number and location of components</u> <u>subject</u></li> </ul>	• <u>Total components in</u> <u>% leaking</u>
• <u>Description of training standards for personnel</u> <u>that inspect and repair components</u>	• <u>Critical or essential compo</u> <u>minimize</u>

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### **Rule 4401 Steam-Enhanced Crude Oil Production Wells**

**Rule Amendment Summary** 

### Changes that took effect June 15, 2023:

**Operator Management Plans** shall be submitted every year whether there are changes or not

The following exemptions have been removed from Rule 4401:

**One-half inch nominal or less** stainless steel tube fittings.

*Components exclusively* handling gas/vapor or liquid with a VOC content of 10% by weight or less.

### Changes that take effect on and after July 1, 2024:

**Operators shall conduct** quarterly inspections rather than annual.

If a leaking component requires a rig-up operation to complete repair, an extended repair period may be granted for up to 30 calendar days from initial leak detection.

All leaks detected with Optical Gas Imaging are to be measured using EPA Method 21 within 2 calendar days of initial **Optical Gas Imaging detection** or within 14 calendar days for inaccessible or unsafe to *monitor components* 

The number of allowable leaks as listed in Table 4 takes effect. The number of allowable leaks for facilities with 1 to 5 wells decreases from 3 to 0.

Repair periods listed in Table 6 take effect. Repair period for gas leaks over 50,000 ppm and for major liquid leaks is one day.





Gas leak thresholds listed in **Table 2** take effect. Minor gas leak threshold is 500 ppm for components other than PRDs



**Components at Light Crude Oil Production Facilities, Natural Gas Production Facilities, and Natural Gas Processing Facilities** 



**District Inspection** 



**Operator Inspection** 



**Exemptions** 





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<u>Closed-vent System</u> : a A the atmosphere and th connections and, if neces gas or vapor from a pi approved control devia destruction or remo transports gases of	PCO-approved bat is composed ssary, flow indu iece or pieces of ce that has a o oval efficiency of or vapors back	I system that is no d of hard-piping, a ucing devices that of equipment to a overall VOC collect of at least 95%, or to a process syste	ot open to ductwork t transport in APCO- tion and r that em.	C hy by v	<u>Commercial Qua</u> drocarbons wit weight VOC. Mu	<u>ılity Na</u> h ≥80% ıst mee

<u>Components and Equipment that are exempt from</u> <u>District Rules may still be subject to the California and</u> <u>Gas Regulation. To learn more, click here</u>





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## Components in vacuum service

nponents at natural gas production facilities exclusively handling s/vapor or liquid with a content <1% by weight.

<u>tural Gas</u>: mixture of gaseous methane by volume and <10% t criteria for PUC, General Order 58-A

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**Components at Light Crude Oil Production Facilities, Natural Gas Production Facilities, and Natural Gas Processing Facilities** 

**Definitions** 

### *Light crude oil production facilities*

That portion of a crude oil production facility at which light crude oil production and handling are conducted, as defined in the North American Industry Classification System 211111

### Light crude oil

Crude oil with API gravity equal to or greater than 30 degrees and a true vapor pressure (TVP) greater than **1.5** *psia* 

## Natural gas processing facilities

A facility engaged in the separation of natural gas liquids from field gas and/or fractionating of natural gas liquids to natural gas products, such as ethane, propane, butane, and natural gasoline

**Excluded** from the definition are compressor stations, dehydration units, sweetening units, field treatment, underground storage facilities, liquefied natural gas units, and field gas gathering systems unless these facilities are located at a natural gas processing facility.





# Natural gas production facilities

That portion of a gas production facility at which natural gas production and handling are conducted, as defined North American Industry **Classification System** (NAICS) as Industry No. 211111

**Components at Light Crude Oil Production Facilities, Natural Gas Production Facilities, and Natural Gas Processing Facilities** 

**District Inspection** 



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### Per Section 6.3.2 leaks detected with Optical Gas Imaging

If inaccessible or unsafe-to-monitor:

Must be measured within 14 calendar days using Method 21

**Component Categories** 

**Components at Light Crude Oil Production Facilities, Natural Gas Production Facilities, and Natural Gas Processing Facilities** 

**Operator Inspection** 



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**Components at Light Crude Oil Production Facilities, Natural Gas Production Facilities, and Natural Gas Processing Facilities** 

Leak Description

Gas leaks >50,000ppm Gas leaks 400 to 50,000ppm (Minor And Major)

Major liquid leak: A visible mist or continuous flow of liquid that is not seal lubricant

Table 2 – Gas Leak in ppmv as Methane after June 30, 2024				
Type of Component	Major Gas Loak	Minor Gas Le		
Type of Component	Major Gas Leak	Components in Liquid Service	Cor	
1. Components other than PRDs	Greater than 10,000	500 to 10,000		
2. PRDs	Greater than 10,000	200 to 10,000		

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## Minor liquid leak: A liquid *leak, except seal lubricant,* that is not a major liquid leak and drips liquid at more than 3 drops per minute

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mponents in Gas/Vapor Service

500 to 10,000

400 to 10,000





Components at Light Crude Oil Production Facilities, Natural Gas Production Facilities, and Natural Gas Processing Facilities

### **Open Ended Line or Valve**

A line or valve, except for pressure relief devices and process drains, having one side of the line or valve seat in contact with the process fluid and one side open to the atmosphere, either directly or through an open piping.



Drain origination points and drain termination points are not openended lines. Process drains are not open-ended lines. Existence of an open-ended line or a valve located at the end of the line that is not sealed with a blind flange, plug, cap, or a second closed valve that is not closed at all times is a violation under Section 5.1.4.1.



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Components at Light Crude Oil Production Facilities, Natural Gas Producti **Facilities, and Natural Gas Processing Facilities** 

Leak Minimization & Enforcement

Section 5.3.5 After leak minimization, a facility must comply with one of the following requirements per Table 6:

- **Repair or replace the leaking** component
- Vent the leaking component to a **VOC collection and control system**
- **Remove the leaking component** from operation

Failure to comply with one of the above a violation of this Rule

For all Component Categories: Repair as • soon as practicable, but no later than the next turnaround or 2 years after the 5<sup>th</sup> major leak within 12 months (whichever comes first)

Table 6 – Repair Period after June 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2024						
Type of Leak	Repair Period in Calendar Days	Extended Repair Period in Calendar Days				
	Gas Leaks					
Minor Gas Leak	7	0				
Major Gas Leak greater than 10,000 ppmv but equal to or less than 50,000 ppmv	3	2				
Major Gas Leak greater than or equal to 50,000 ppmv	1	0				
Liquid Leaks						
Minor Liquid Leak	1	0				
Major Liquid Leak	1	0				

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Components at Light Crude Oil Production Facilities, Natural Gas Production Facilities, and Natural Gas Processing Facilities

Exceeding the Number of Allowable Leaks

Polished Rod Stuffing Boxes (PRSBs):	Table 4 – Maxim Insp	um Allowable Lo pection After Jur
Leak from PRSBs found during District Inspections are not counted in determining compliance with		Leak Threshold or Less Compo Inspected
maximum allowable leaking components provided they are repaired within the	500 to 10,000 ppmv	5
timeframes of <u>Table 6</u> .	10,000 to 50,000 ppmv	2

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**Components at Light Crude Oil Production Facilities, Natural Gas Production Facilities, and Natural Gas Processing Facilities** 

**Rig Up Operations** 

An activity requiring any rig or pulling unit used for drilling and maintaining surface or downhole well equipment

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### Components at Light Crude Oil Production Facilities, Natural Gas Production Facilities, and Natural Gas Processing Facilities

Administrative Requirements

Submit Operator Management Plan by January	Maintain LDAR inspection lo
30 <sup>th</sup> each year	(Quarterly Inspect)
per Section 6.1 must include:	per Section 6.2 must I
<ul> <li>Description of all connected wells and associated VOC collection and control system</li> </ul>	• Date, time, location, and cond
<ul> <li>Identify and describe hazards</li> </ul>	• Date of repair, replacement operation
<ul> <li><u>Identify critical, essential, major inaccessible,</u> <u>and unsafe-to-monitor components</u></li> </ul>	• Date of re- inspection and
<ul> <li><u>Identify number and location of components</u></li></ul>	• <u>Total components insp</u>
<u>subject</u>	<u>% leaking</u>
• <u>Description of training standards for personnel</u>	• <u>Critical or essential compone</u>
<u>that inspect and repair components</u>	<u>minimize</u>

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**Components at Light Crude Oil Production Facilities, Natural Gas Production** Facilities, and Natural Gas Processing Facilities **Rule Amendment Summary** 

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The following exemption has been removed from Rule 4409:

**One-half inch nominal or less** stainless steel tube fittings.

### Changes that take effect on and after July 1, 2024:

**Operators shall conduct** quarterly inspections rather than annual.

The number of allowable leaks listed in Table 4 takes effect. For 200 or less components, 5 leaks are allowed from 500 to 10,000 ppmv and 2 from >10,000 to 50,000 ppmv. For more than 200 components, leaks are allowed up to 2% for 500 to 10,00 ppmv and 1% for >10,000 to 50,000 ppmv.

Gas leak thresholds listed in **Table 2** take effect. Minor gas leak threshold becomes 500 ppm for components other than PRDs.

All leaks detected with OGI are to be measured using **EPA Method 21 within 2** calendar days of initial OGI detection or within 14 calendar days for inaccessible or unsafe to monitor components.

*If a leaking component requires* a rig-up operation to complete repair, an extended repair period may be granted for up to 30 calendar days from initial leak detection.

Repair periods listed in Table 6 take effect. Repair period for gas leaks over 50,000 ppm, for major liquid leaks, and for minor liquid leaks becomes one dav.





### <u>Rule 4623</u> Storage of Organic Liquids

### Rule 4623 applies:

Tanks with a capacity of 1,100 gallons (26.2 barrels) or greater Any tank with a potential to emit 6 tons of VOC or greater per year

**Control Types** 



**District Inspection** 

**Operator Inspection** 

Administrative Requirements





**Rule Amendments** 





### Rule 4623 Storage of Organic Liquids *Exemptions*

Except for complying with Sections 6.3.2, 6.3.3, and 7.1, the requirements of this rule shall not apply to: Except for complying with Sections 5.7.5, 6.2, 6.3.6, 6.4, and 7.0, the requirements of this rule shall not apply to:			Exemptions
			Pressure Ves
<ul> <li>Emergency standby tanks, in existence prior to May</li> </ul>	rgency standby tanks, kistence prior to May		<ul> <li>Gasoline storage tanks with a capacity of less the Rule 4621 - Gasoline Transfer into Stationary Stationary</li></ul>
1, 1979, which exclusively store petroleum or crude oil, as specified in Section 4.2.1.		<ul> <li>Tanks that are used for storage/processing cle has a potential to emit six tons of VOC emissio crude oil and natural gas pro</li> </ul>	
Temporary tanks with	• On July 1 2024 tanks		<ul> <li>Tanks used in wine fermentation and for storage and spirits</li> </ul>
capacities of 21,000 gallons (500 barrels) or less, left on site for six months or less.			<ul> <li>Except for complying with Sections 6.3.4 and throughput of 50 barrels of crude oil per da producer tanks that do not qualify for exemp with all the requiremen</li> </ul>

<u>Components and Equipment that are exempt from</u> <u>District Rules may still be subject to the California Oil</u> <u>and Gas Regulation(COGR). To learn more, click here.</u>

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han 19,800 gallons that are subject to Storage Containers, Delivery Vessels, nts.

ean produced water unless the tank ons of greater per year and is used in oduction operations

ge of resulting products, by-products, S.

I 7.1, a small producer's tank with a by or less is exempt. All other small otion under Section 4.4 shall comply its of this rule.



<u>Rule 4623</u> Storage of Organic Liquids *Control Type Applicability* 

<u>The operation produces an</u> <u>average of less than 6,000 barrels</u> <u>per day within the county and</u> <u>does not engage in refining,</u> <u>transportation, or marketing of</u> <u>refined petroleum products.</u>

<u>The operation produces an</u> <u>average of more than 6,000</u> <u>barrels per day within the county</u> <u>or does engage in refining,</u> <u>transportation, or marketing of</u> <u>refined petroleum products.</u>







# Maximum tank capacity in gallons (bbl)













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Pressure-Vacuum Relief Valve Internal Floating Roof or External Floating Roof











Pressure-Vacuum Relief Valve Internal Floating Roof or External Floating Roof











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Pressure-Vacuum Relief Valve Internal Floating Roof or External Floating Roof











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0.1 psia to 11 psia and a tank throughput of >50 to 150 barrels of crude oil per day



Pressure-Vacuum Relief Valve

Internal Floating Roof or External Floating Roof

Tanks 39,600 gallons (942.9 barrels) or greater

Pressure-Vacuum Relief Valve

Internal Floating Roof or External Floating Roof

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### Vapor Recovery System

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0.1 psia to 0.5 psia and a tank throughput 150 barrels of crude oil per day



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### Vapor Recovery System

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0.5 psia to 11 psia and a tank throughput 150 barrels of crude oil per day













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### **Rule 4623 Storage of Organic Liquids District Inspection**

An operator shall be in violation of this rule if any **District inspection** demonstrates that one or more of the following exist

Major Liquid Leak

**Gas Leak Greater Than** *10,000ppmv* 

Exceeding the allowable number of leaks

Failure to repair within the timeframe of Table 9

### **Method 21 Inspection**

Upon discovery, an operator shall minimize a component leak no later than one (1) hour after detection.

The leak rate measured after leak minimization has been performed shall be the leak rate used to determine the repair period in Table 9

If accessible: Must be measured within 2 calendar days using Method 21

> Component **Types**

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### Per Section 6.4.8.1 leaks detected with Optical Gas Imaging

If inaccessible or unsafe-to-monitor:

Must be measured within 14 calendar days using Method 21









### **Rule 4623 Storage of Organic Liquids Operator Inspection**



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# Per Section 6.4.8.1 leaks





### **Storage of Organic Liquids**

### Administrative Requirements

Floating Roof Tank Inspections	TVP Testing	LDAR Inspection L
	• An operator shall conduct TVP and API testing upstream of each	• Total number of components inspec of leaking
• The operator of external floating roof tanks shall make the primary seal envelope available for unobstructed inspection by the APCO on an annual basis.	controlled by a vapor control system.	<ul> <li>Description of leaking component and re-i</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>A representative tank must also store the same organic liquid as the represented tanks and have the</li> </ul>	Records maintained of calibration instrument. Responsible operation
same or higher TVP and storage temperature.		• For gas leaks, record the concentrative the volume. For all leaks, rec
• Operators of floating roof tanks shall submit a tank	<ul> <li>TVP testing is to be conducted during the months of June through September and is to happen at least once every 24 months.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>An operator who is demonstrating below 6 tons of VOC per year or accurate record of each including storage temperature</li> </ul>
inspection plan as specified in Section 6.1.2 for approval.	• An operator may conduct a TVP test of a representative fixed roof tank, given it is the front line tank receiving produced fluids.	• On July 1, 2024, all leaks detect Imaging instrument shall be me calendar days of initial detectio inaccessible or unsafe to monitor with the leak thresholds and rep

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### .og Requirements

cted and total number and percentage components.

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n of portable hydrocarbon detection tor shall also sign inspection logs.

ration in ppmv, for liquid leaks record cord method of leak detection.

ng that their tank PTE emissions are ctual emissions are below 4 tons shall organic liquid stored in each tank, e, TVP, and monthly throughput.

ted with the use of an Optical Gas easured using Method 21 within 2 on or within 14 calendar days of an component to determine compliance pair timeframes specified in <u>Table 9.</u>





### **Rule 4623 Storage of Organic Liquids** Leak Description

A major gas leak is defined as a leak greater than 10,000 ppm

A liquid leak is defined as the dripping of organic liquid at a rate of more than 3 drops per minute

Table 8 – Allowable Leaks		
Leak Threshold	200 or Less Components Inspected*	More than 200
500-10,000 ppmv	5	2% of

Any liquid or gas coming from a component undergoing repair or replacement, or during sampling of process fluid from a component into a container is not considered a leak provided such activities are done as expeditiously as possible and with minimal spillage of material and VOC emissions to the atmosphere.

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A minor gas leak is defined as a leak greater than 500 ppm and less than 10,000 ppm

**Components Inspected\*** 

total inspected





**Rule 4623 Storage of Organic Liquids** Leak Repairs

Section 5.9.4.10 After leak *minimization, a facility must comply* with one of the following requirements per Table 9:

- **Repair or replace the leaking** component
- Vent the leaking component to a **VOC collection and control system**
- **Remove the leaking component** from operation

Failure to comply with one of the above a may result in a violation of this Rule

Section 5.9.3 Table 9: **Repair Periods for District and Operator Discovered Leaks** 

Table 9 – Repa	ir Tin
Leak Threshold	
Minor Leak	
Major Leak	
Liquid Leak	

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### ne Periods

**Repair Time Period** 

14 Calendar Days

2 Calendar Days

2 Calendar Days





### Changes that took effect June 15, 2023:

**Operators shall maintain an** inspection log according to the specifications in Section 6.3.9.

Tanks holding clean produced water, but that have the potential per year are now subject. Tanks that have a potential to emit that exceed that limit must have a vapor control system installed.

A leak discovered during operator and district inspections above the leak threshold shall be repaired within the timeframes of Table 9.

**Operators shall follow the storage** tank degassing and interior cleaning requirements listed in Section 5.7.5. The voluntary inspection and maintenance program will end for fixed roof tanks.

The small producer VOC control system requirements listed in Table 6 take effect. This table introduces new requirements for small producer tanks holding organic liquids with a TVP from 0.1 to 0.5 psia.

### Changes that take effect on and after July 1st,

Gas leak thresholds listed in Table 2 take effect. Minor gas leak threshold is 500 to 10,000 ppm and major gas leaks are >10,000 ppm.

The general VOC control system requirements listed in Table 4 take effect. This table introduces new requirements for tanks holding organic liquids with a TVP from 0.1 to 0.5 psia.

Notices of Violation are issued for leaks >10,000 ppm, liquid leaks, exceeding the allowable number of minor leaks, and failing to repair leaks within the required timeframe of Table 6.

### ATC requirement by March 31, 2024

Per Section 7, Table 10 tanks are required to comply with Sections 5.1.1.1, 5.1.2.1, or required to install a pressure-vacuum relief valve must submit an Authority to Construct by March 31, 2024.





All leaks detected with Optical Gas Imaging are to be measured using EPA Method 21 within 2 calendar days of initial Optical Gas Imaging detection or within 14 calendar days for inaccessible or unsafe to monitor components.

At least once each calendar quarter all components are to be inspected except for inaccessible components, unsafe to monitor components, and floating roof tanks including their deck fittings and components as specified in Section 5.9.4.



### <u>Rule 4624</u> Transfer of Organic Liquid

Rule 4624 applies Class 1 Organic Liquid Transfer Facility: any location transferring 20,000 gallons or more on any one day or organic liquids with a TVP of 1.5 psia or greater to or from tank trucks, trailers, or railroad tank cars Class 2 Organic Liquid Transfer Facility: any location transferring 4,000 gallons or more but less than 20,000 gallons on any one day of organic liquids with a TVP of 1.5 psia or greater to or from tank trucks, trailers, or railroad tank cars

**District Inspection** 



**Operator Inspection** 

Administrative Requirements

**Exemptions** 

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**Transfer of Organic Liquid** 

**Exemptions** 

**Exemptions** 

• Facilities which transfer < 4000 gallons of organic liquids daily

• Transfer operations subject to the requirements of Rule 4621 - Gasoline Transfer Into Stationary Storage Containers, Delivery Vessels, And Bulk Plants

Transfer operations that are subject to Rule 4622 - Gasoline Transfer Into Motor Vehicle Fuel • Tanks

- Transfer of organic liquids with TVP less than 1.5 psia at the storage container's maximum organic liquid storage temperature
- Components subject to Rules: 4409, 4623, 4455 Components At Petroleum Refineries, Gas Liquids Processing Facilities, And Chemical Plants
  - Transfer operations involving vacuum trucks

Components and Equipment that are exempt from District Rules may still be subject to the California Oil and Gas Regulation(COGR). To learn more, click here.



Rule Amendments. To learn more , click here.







# **Organic Liquid** Loading **Operation**

The transfer of organic liquid to a tank truck, trailer, or railroad car

# **Organic Liquid Transfer Facility**

Any aggregate or combination of transfer racks and vapor control equipment at a location, including, but not limited to, the stationary organic liquid pump, and the hose end connector, and the discharge of the vapor control device(s)





# **Organic Liquid**

Any liquid which contains VOCs and has a TVP of 1.5 psia or greater at the storage container's maximum organic liquid storage temperature.

Clean produced water, as defined by Rule 1020, and other types of liquids that contain no more than 35 milligrams of VOC per liter, shall not be considered to be an organic liquid



### **Rule 4624 Transfer Of Organic Liquid District Inspection**

An operator shall be in violation of this rule if any **District inspection** demonstrates that one or more of the following exist

Major non-gasoline leak greater than 1,000ppmv

Gasoline leak greater than 10,000ppmv

**Exceeding the** allowable number of leaks

Failure to repair within the timeframes of Table <u>3</u>

More than 3 drops per minute

**Method 21 Inspection** 

Upon discovery, an operator shall minimize a component leak no later than one (1) hour after detection.

The leak rate measured after leak minimization has been performed shall be the leak rate used to determine the repair period in Table 3

*If accessible:* Must be measured within 2 calendar days using Method 21

Component **Types** 

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### Per Section 6.3.8.1 leaks detected with Optical Gas Imaging



*If inaccessible or* unsafe-to-monitor:

Must be measured within 14 calendar days using Method 21









### **Rule 4624 Transfer Of Organic Liquid Operator Inspection**

An operator shall be in violation of this rule if any operator inspection demonstrates that one or more of the following exist

> Failure to repair within the timeframes of Table 3

**Required Quarterly** 

**Method 21 Inspection** 

Upon discovery, an operator shall minimize a component leak no later than one (1) hour after detection.

The leak rate measured after leak minimization has been performed shall be the leak rate used to determine the repair period in Table 3

If accessible: Must be measured within 2 calendar days using Method 21

Component **Types** 

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### Per Section 6.3.8.1 leaks detected with Optical Gas Imaging



*If inaccessible or* unsafe-to-monitor:

Must be measured within 14 calendar days using Method 21









### **Rule 4624 Transfer Of Organic Liquid** Leak Description

Major Non-Gasoline leaks greater than 1,000ppmv

Leaks more than 3 drops per minute

Minor gas leaks 500ppmv to less than 1,000ppmv

Table 1 Leak in ppmv as Methane (Until June 30, 2024)			Table 2 Leak in ppmv as Methane (After June 30, 2024)		
	Leak			Major Leak	Minor Leak
					500 to less than
Component	1,000 and greater		Component	1,000 and greater	1,000

Any liquid or gas coming from a component undergoing repair or replacement, or during sampling of process fluid from a component into a container is not considered a leak provided such activities are done as expeditiously as possible and with minimal spillage of material and VOC emissions to the atmosphere.

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### Gasoline Leak greater than 10,000ppmv





### <u>Rule 4624</u> Transfer Of Organic Liquid *Leak Minimization*

Section 5.9.3 After leak minimization, a facility must comply with one of the following requirements per Table 3:

• <u>Repair or replace the leaking</u>

<u>component</u>

• <u>Remove the leaking component</u> <u>from operation</u>

Failure to comply with one of the above is a violation of this Rule

Table 3 Rep	oair Pe
Type of Leak	Rep
Liquid Leak	
Gas Leak	





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air Time Period

### 72 hours

72 hours



<u>Rule 4624</u> **Transfer Of Organic Liquid** Exceeding the Number of Allowable Leaks

Table 4 – Number of Allowa	ble Leaks after June 3
Minor leaks	2.0% of compon
	inspected
Major leaks	0

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### <u>Rule 4624</u> **Transfer Of Organic Liquid** Administrative Requirements

TVP and Throughput Records	LDAR Inspection Log Requ
• Records of daily liquid throughput	• Total components inspe leaking
<ul> <li>Maintain accurate daily records of liquid TVP</li> </ul>	• Date, time, location, and conc
Results of any required leak inspections	<ul> <li>Date of repair, replacement, operation</li> </ul>
• Records shall be retained for a minimum of five	• Date of re-inspection and a
years	• Critical or essential compone minimize

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### <u>Rule 4624</u> Transfer Of Organic Liquid *Rule Amendment Summary*

### Changes that take effect on and after July 1st, 2024:

Operators shall conduct quarterly inspections rather than annual.

Operators shall maintain an inspection log according to the requirements listed in Section 5.10.

All leaks detected with Optical Gas Imaging are to be measured using EPA Method 21 within 2 calendar days of detection or within 14 calendar days for inaccessible or unsafe to monitor components Gas leak thresholds listed in <u>Table 2</u> take effect. Minor gas leak threshold is 500 to 1,000 ppm.

The number of allowable leaks as listed in <u>Table 4</u> takes effect. For minor leaks, facilities are allowed 2.0% of the number of inspected components and are allowed 0 major leaks.

Operators shall affix a tag to leaking components and follow the maintenance requirements as specified in Section 5.10.





### Components



### **Component:**

includes, but is not limited to, any one (1) of the following groups: valves, fittings, threaded connections, pumps, compressors, pressure relief devices, pipes, polished rod stuffing boxes, flanges, process drains, sealing mechanisms, hatches, sight-glasses, meters, or seal fluid systems in VOC service.



















### **Component Category for Maintenance and Inspection Schedules**

Component Category	Definition	F
Unsafe-to-monitor Component:	Component installed at a location that would prevent the safe inspection or repair of a component as defined by OSHA Standards or in provisions for worker safety stated in CFR 1910.	• Rule Repair the n majo
Essential Component:	A component that cannot be taken out of service without reducing, by more than 33 percent, the throughput of the process unit that it serves	• R comp a turno
Inaccessible Component:	A component that is located over 15 feet above ground when access is required from the ground; or a component that is located over six (6) feet away from a platform when access is required from the platform, or a component in a location that would require the elevation of monitoring personnel higher than six (6) feet above permanent support	<ul> <li>Rule 44 only</li> <li>Ru</li> <li>Inc inspension</li> </ul>
Critical Component:	surfaces Any component that would require the shutdown of a critical process unit if that component was shut down or disabled.	• OGI ir compo aı





### Rule-Specific Requirements

4409: For all Component Subcategory: r as soon as practical, but no later than ext turnaround or 2 years after the 5<sup>th</sup> r leak within 12 months (which comes first)

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Rule 4401: For Critical and Essential ponents only: minimize leak if possible Ind repair during next process unit around, in no case later than one year from leak detection date

401: For Unsafe-to-monitor components y: Quarterly inspection not required. Inspect at turnaround instead.

le 4623: For unsafe-to-monitor and accessible components only: annual ction instead of quarterly inspection is required

Findings: For all Rules, discovered on naccessible and unsafe-to-monitor onents only, measure with a Method 21 pproved instrument within 14 days



### **EPA Method 21**

### District staff and operators are to:

- Conduct inspections using EPA Method 21 approved equipment
- Calibrate the equipment per EPA *Method 21 standards*
- Inspection components per EPA *Method 21 standards*

### Optical Gas Imaging:

An instrument that makes emissions visible that may otherwise be invisible to the naked eye

All leaks detected with the use of an Optical Gas Imaging instrument shall be measured using EPA Method 21

https://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2017-08/documents/method 21.pdf









### California Air Resources Board – Oil and Gas Regulation – Sub Article 13



1) Onshore and offshore crude oil or natural gas production

2) Crude oil, condensate, and produced water separation and storage

3) Natural gas underground storage

4) Natural gas gathering and boosting stations

5) Natural gas gathering and boosting stations

6) Natural gas transmission compressor stations

Where to find out more

https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/resources/documents/oil-and-gas-regulation

Information about CARBs Oil and Gas Regulation

https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/rulemaking/2023/oil-and-gas-2023







