October 21, 2026

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Dear Mr. Vineet Plaha,

California Air Resources Board (CARB) has reviewed Chevron's "Chevron Test Plan for CAECS – PAL Vessels" (Test Plan).

On March 24, 2026, Chevron submitted the Test Plan to obtain approval for modifications to tanker auxiliary boilers on their Pacific Areas Lightering (PAL) tanker vessels to be used as a CARB Approved Emissions Control Strategy (CAECS) for compliance with the 2020 Control Measure for Ocean-Going Vessels At Berth (2020 At Berth Regulation), tit. 17, Cal. Code Regs. §§ 93130 *et seq*. CARB staff reviewed the Test Plan and provided written comments to Chevron on April 28, July 7, August 24, and September 1, 2026, and received updated versions of the Test Plan on May 12, July 29, September 2, and September 14, 2026. CARB staff met with Chevron on July 23 and August 25, 2026, to discuss comments and provide feedback on the Test Plan.

Approval and Conditions

Based on CARB staff's review, and pursuant to section 93130.5(f) of the 2020 At Berth Regulation, Chevron's final revised Test Plan, submitted September 14, 2026, (Approved Test Plan) is hereby approved in accordance with testing requirements under the 2020 At Berth Regulation and the CARB Recommended Emissions Testing Guidelines for Ocean Going Vessels.

CARB approval is based on the system description, design, and operational procedures outlined in the Approved Test Plan. No changes or modifications to the PAL vessel boiler systems for the purpose of meeting CAECS requirements under the 2020 At Berth Regulation are allowed without prior CARB approval. For other changes or modifications to the boiler system that could affect emissions, notify CARB within 10 days. CARB may request additional testing to verify the requirements of the 2020 At Berth Regulation are satisfied after modifications.

Application requirements for Executive Order (EO) approval are outlined in section 93130.5 of the 2020 At Berth Regulation. To receive an EO approval, Chevron must:

- Complete all testing outlined in the Approved Test Plan.
- Submit all test reports to CARB.

Per section 93130.5(i) of the 2020 At Berth Regulation, if testing deviates from the Approved Test Plan without prior CARB approval, the Executive Officer may deem the application incomplete or disapprove the application. An example of deviating from the Approved Test Plan includes conducting testing on additional vessel visits beyond those approved for use as research exceptions and claiming such visits qualify for the exceptions set forth in section 93130.8(d) or 93130.10(e) of the 2020 At Berth Regulation. CARB reserves the right to request the results of any testing conducted beyond the testing described in the Approved Test Plan.

As outlined in the Approved Test Plan, a total of 20 vessel visits may count as a compliant visit under the research exceptions in section 93130.8(d) or 93130.10(e) of the 2020 At Berth Regulation. These research exceptions only apply for testing identified in the Approved Test Plan and conducted after the date of this letter.

Chevron must track the usage of the 20 approved vessel visits that may utilize the research exception, provide a copy of the Approved Test Plan to the vessel operator and maintain a copy on the vessel during such visits. Chevron must communicate with the vessel operator to ensure the operator knows what tests are being performed during the visit and which number out of the 20 approved visits the vessel is participating in. As noted above, any tests completed in excess of those in the Approved Test Plan would not be eligible to use the research exception for compliance with the 2020 At Berth Regulation set forth in section 93130.8(d) or 93130.10(e). If more than 20 vessel visits are needed to complete all the testing outlined in the Approved Test Plan, Chevron must seek additional approval from CARB.

The terminal operator, vessel operator, and CAECS operator (Chevron) all must report research exception visits to CARB.

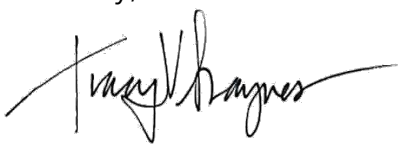
- Within seven (7) days after vessel departure, the CAECS operator (Chevron) must report the research exception visit to CARB via email at *shorepower@arb.ca.gov*. In the report, Chevron must include:
    - the vessel type, name, and IMO number,
    - name of the test plan and date of CARB approval,
    - what tests were performed during the visit,
    - the number of approved research exceptions used, and
    - how many research exceptions remain available.
- Before vessel arrival, terminal operators must confirm and record a visit's research exception status with CARB, and follow all other requirements in Section 93130.10(e).

- Within 30 days of vessel departure, the vessel operator must report the research exception visit to CARB in the vessel visit report, and follow all other requirements in Section 93130.8(d).

The Executive Officer may deem the application incomplete or disapprove the application if Chevron fails to report the use of a research exception for testing within seven days of the vessel's departure.

If you have any questions, please contact *shorepower@arb.ca.gov*.

Sincerely,



Tracy Haynes, Chief, Freight Activity Branch, Transportation and Toxics Division

Attachment: *Chevron Test Plan for CAECS -- PAL Vessels -- Rev 3 unmarked.pdf*

Cc: Luke Lagana, Hull and Systems Engineer, Chevron