

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PORT OF LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2011, 5:30PM – 8:00PM
WILMINGTON SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER
1371 EUBANK STREET
WILMINGTON, CA 90744**

H. ACTION ITEM:

October 18, 2011, the PCAC approved the amended recommendation below, which was moved by Pat Nave, second by June Burlingame Smith, and carried with 12 Ayes, 4 Nays and 4 Abstentions.

RECOMMENDATION:

Whereas, the PCAC has previously urged the City and the Port to relocate the Amerigas/Rancho Liquid Propane Gas (LPG) facility in San Pedro; and

Whereas, the facility is served by rail tank cars, truck tank cars and pipeline, and stores and distributes liquid propane, butane and other commodities; and

Whereas, substantial numbers of people in the Harbor area are concerned about the risk of hazard due to the facility's aging infrastructure, possibility of earthquake or natural disaster due to its location in an identified seismically active area and adjacent tsunami zone, and a potential target for terrorism in a Port city acknowledged as a likely target site; and

Whereas, the facility has from time to time changed its business operations, and there is concern by many people that there has been inadequate environmental and risk analyses of those changes; and

Whereas, over time, the Los Angeles Harbor Department has become increasingly involved in the operations conducted at the facility, such as by assisting in the transport of product by rail through the Port across Port rail lines, including a portion of the rail line spur accommodating the rail transportation of the commodities pursuant to Revocable Permit No. 10-05 dated February 2011, which appears to allow reasonable inquiry into the rail movements on the parcel subject to the permit; and

Whereas, rail tank cars containing unknown products from other manufacturers and sources other than the Rancho Facility also traverse and are stored on tracks owned by the Port and the railroads; and

Whereas, truck tank vehicles containing unknown products from sources other than the Rancho Facility also travel through our

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communities, and because they do not originate from Port terminals, are not subject to, for example, the Wilmington truck route plan; and

Whereas, among the data that is available and should be provided to the Port and the community about the rail tank cars and truck tank vehicles is information such as routing, quantity, storage elsewhere in the Port while awaiting further transport, product identification criteria, fire department and hazmat notification procedures, etc.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the PCAC recommends that the Board of Harbor Commissioners (BHC) direct the Port of LA to revoke Permit No. 10-05 and work with the community and Rancho to perform a Risk Management Plan for the API Storage Tanks, ASME Pressure vessels and rail cars at the facility in accordance with 40CFR68 as well as the transport of product to and from the facility by pipeline, by rail tank car and by truck tank vehicles; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the PCAC recommends that the BHC direct staff to work with the community and affected tenants and others to perform a risk analysis of transport of products to and through the Port and nearby communities by pipeline, by rail tank car and by truck tank vehicles; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the BHC establish a working group of persons to assist in examining the risks associated with the operation of the facility and transport of products by rail and truck, including representatives of the Los Angeles Fire Department, United States Geological Service, EPA, university research community, local organizations and the PCAC.

PCAC ACTION:

The Committee approved the Recommendation with 12 Ayes, 3 Nays and 3 Abstentions.