

EVR Phase II Systems Challenges of the Permit Phase

Looking at the task from
different points of view

From the View of the Owner/Operator

- Understanding how many different permits are required, from which agencies and why.
- To meet the unfamiliar submittal requirements of local agencies
- To address the unanticipated additional financial burden of the permit phase

From the view of the AQMD

- The equipment is installed per the Executive Order
- Proper records are kept
- Start-up notification is made
- The equipment is properly tested

From the View of the EHD

- How does EVR Phase II equipment impact the UST system?
- How does the ISD equipment impact the UST system?
- How does the ISD software upgrade impact the monitoring system?
- The certification of the equipment and technicians

From the View of the local FD

- General safety concerns for “vapor processors”
- Set backs from buildable property lines and dispensers
- Bollards and other protection
- Signs and labels

From the View of the City Planner

- The aesthetic impact of the EVR Phase II equipment on site and neighborhood
- The location of the equipment
- Line of sight issues
- The color, configuration and screening
- Landscaping

From the View of the local BD

- Electrical, mechanical and plumbing considerations in a hazardous area
- Structural calculations of pad and screen
- Final inspections

From the View of the “Permit Expediter”

- 1. Determining and then contacting the all of the required Permitting Agencies (who, when, how?)
- 2. Explaining the Mandate
- 3. Describing the Equipment
- 4. Finding the Decision-Making Authority
- 5. Gathering the required information

The “Expediter” View (cont)

- 6. Making the submittal (sequencing)
- 7. Facilitating the dialogue
- 8. Pulling the permits when ready
- 9. Communicating what is approved
- 10. Arranging inspections and sign offs

Surprises for the GDF Owner/Operator

- 1. The **number of permits** required and the length of time to obtain them
- 2. The **cost** of permit application fees
- 3. The **supporting documents** (site plans and structural calculations)
- 4. How **quickly** the deadline is approaching

Surprises for Permitting Agencies

- The **complexity** of the project
- The **number** of likely applications
- The **sequencing** and routing issues
- The proximity of the **deadline**

Help #1: Submittal Requirements

- 1. Be clear, complete, concise, and consistent
- 2. Require what is absolutely necessary (forms, supporting documents, signatures, and copies)
- 3. Fees

Help #2: Agency Collaboration

- Timely processing of permit applications within each agency
- Communicating with site owner/operators
- Working with other agencies to facilitate the permit phase
- Reduce sequencing and turf wars