

15. Re: Chevron Canada Limited
Modernization Plan
Preliminary Plan Approval No. 1435.

Appearing as a communication on the Council Agenda for August 23, 1971, is a letter dated August 16, 1971, from Mr. T.S. Bremner, Vice-President, Chevron Canada Limited, asking for authority to proceed with only a portion of the work included in the PPA, and an extension of the 90-day time limit on the PPA for the balance of the work.

The approval date on the Permit is July 26, 1971, and the expiry date will be October 24, 1971.

The Manager's observations on this letter are as follows:

1. Consideration of an extension to the PPA at this time seems to be premature in light of the number of unknowns presently before us. It does seem reasonable, however, that this matter be considered shortly before the expiry date, say at the Council meeting of October 11, 1971.

It should also be kept in mind that even though the Rheniformer may not physically reduce the number of pollutants, by virtue of the fact that it is a new piece of equipment, there should be a lessening in the number and extent of the plant "upsets" when it is installed. In this sense, it can be considered to be part of the environmental improvements to the plant. Sizing may be affected by future considerations.

2. The Carbon Monoxide Boiler forms a vital part of the plan for environmental improvements, as it will reduce the emission of carbon monoxide to zero from 17,500 tons per year. In this respect this work should proceed, although sizing may be affected by future considerations.
3. Many environmental improvements will be accomplished when the proposed changes are made to the Light Ends and Flare facilities, and there should be no thought given to not doing this work no matter what the future may bring.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT action not be taken at this time to extend the PPA; and
THAT Chevron Canada Limited be asked to advise in writing why it cannot proceed with a staged construction as far as the Rheniformer is concerned; and
THAT this matter be tabled until such time as Chevron Canada Limited reaches a conclusion with respect to the Carbon Monoxide Boiler and answers the question raised with respect to the Rheniformer; and
THAT Chevron's letter of August 16, 1971, and the contents of this report be forwarded to all parties that expressed an interest in this subject when it was being debated.