

Compliance and Enforcement Division

INCIDENT REPORT

Tesoro Refinery (Site #B2626) Martinez, CA November 10, 2010

At approximately 4:00 PM today, the Refinery lost power due an apparent power failure in the area. The refinery is flaring heavily with large black plumes coming from the flares. Tesoro issued a Contra Costa Community Warning System Level 2, possible off site impacts at 4:11 PM and later upgraded the warning to a Level 3 - shelter in place, off site impacts likely, with community alert sirens going off in areas adjacent to the refinery. The wind is out of the Northwest at approximately 4 mph towards the Southeast. The plume is going up vertically and is not coming into contact with ground yet.

The District has inspectors in the area and are initiating an investigation, and assessing impacts to any surrounding communities. Ambient air samples from downwind communities will be analyzed for any elevated levels of air pollution.

The District is continuing the investigation.