

# Regulations to Track and Reduce Emissions from Petroleum Refineries

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#### **Enhanced Approach**

- Proceed with latest version of Regulation 12, Rule 15 (12-15), Petroleum Refining Emissions Tracking Rule
- Develop a companion rule concurrently to 12-15 to mitigate refinery emissions increases
  - Both rules to the Board for consideration by March of 2015
- Develop a Board of Directors Resolution to guide further rule development efforts to reduce emissions
- Expedite rule development



#### **Current 12-15 Elements**

- Annual emissions inventories of all regulated air pollutants based on upgraded methods, including emissions from cargo carriers
- **Petroleum Refinery Emissions Profile (PREP)**; require that on-going inventories include comparisons with PREP
- Crude oil composition characteristics with annual emissions inventories (e.g. sulfur, nitrogen content, API gravity, Total Acid Number)
- Health Risk Assessments (HRA) with enhanced emissions inventories and revised OEHHA HRA guidelines
- Enhance fence line monitoring systems and establish community air quality monitoring systems

#### **Companion Rule to 12-15**

- Mitigate emissions increases of criteria pollutants, Toxic Air Contaminants (TAC) and greenhouse gases (GHG) based on PREP
  - Require causal analysis of any increase
  - Require mitigation plan to be submitted
  - Require public review of mitigation plan
- This will help ensure that crude oil composition changes do not increase emissions
- This will help identify processes that contribute to emissions increases

## Approaches for Decreasing Emissions

- Investigate emission reduction opportunities
  - VOC's at tanks, and other fugitive sources
  - PM at Fluidized Catalytic Cracking Units (FCCUs) and other combustion sources
  - Reductions to NO<sub>x</sub> sources will be limited due to recent regulatory action
  - SO<sub>2</sub> in fuel gas and coke calcining
  - Potentially reduce risk by amending Regulation 2, Rule 5
- Develop resolution directing staff to evaluate emissions reduction approaches and recommend a strategy
  - Consider reduction approaches, including those by advocates and industry
  - Provide a strategy to reduce refinery emissions with an expedited timeline
  - Resolution for Board consideration by December of 2014

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## Strategy for Tracking and Reducing Refinery Emission

- Present 12-15 for Board consideration
  - Air monitoring, HRA and emissions inventory provide a means to track impacts within the immediate communities and throughout the Bay Area
- Development of companion rule and present to Board for consideration
  - Mitigate increases in refinery emissions
- Develop resolution for Board consideration
  - Guide further rule devolvement to reduce refinery emissions



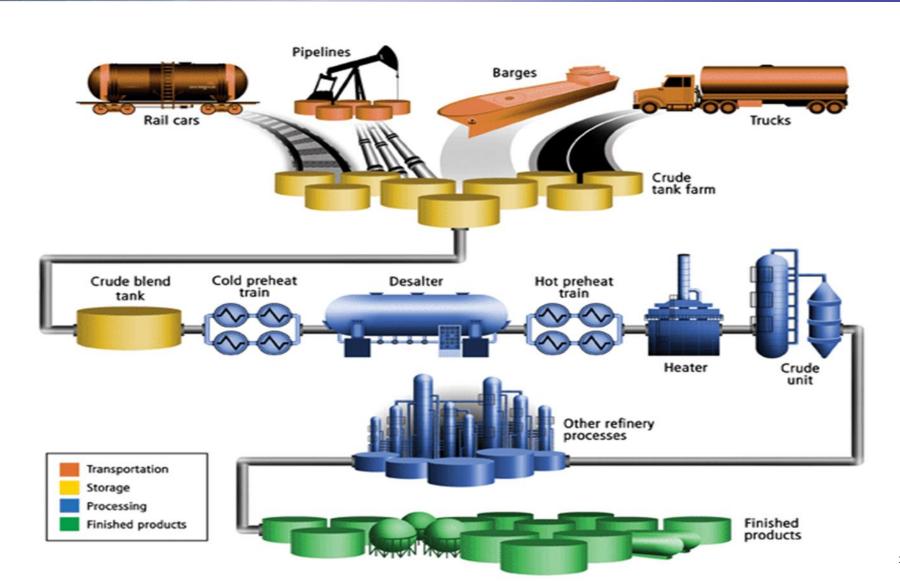


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#### Refinery Overview



### Air District Refinery Regulations

**REGULATION 1 - GENERAL PROVISIONS** 

**REGULATION 2 - PERMITS** 

REGULATION 6 - PARTICULATE MATTER AND VISIBLE EMISSIONS

REGULATION 7 - ODOROUS SUBSTANCES REGULATION 8 - ORGANIC COMPOUNDS:

Rule 1 - General Provisions

Rule 2 - Miscellaneous Operations

Rule 5 - Storage of Organic Liquids

Rule 6 - Terminals and Bulk Plants

Rule 8 - Wastewater (Oil-Water) Separators

Rule 10 - Process Vessel Depressurization

Rule 18 - Equipment Leaks

Rule 28 - Episodic Releases From Pressure Relief

**Devices** 

Rule 37 - Natural Gas and Crude Oil Production

**Facilities** 

Rule 43 - Surface Coating of Marine Vessels

Rule 44 - Marine Vessel Loading Terminals

Rule 46 - Marine Tank Vessel to Marine Tank Vessel

Loading

#### **REGULATION 9 - INORGANIC GASEOUS POLLUTANTS:**

Rule 1 - Sulfur Dioxide

Rule 2 - Hydrogen Sulfide

Rule 3 - Nitrogen Oxides from Heat Transfer

Operations

Rule 7 - Nitrogen Oxides And Carbon Monoxide from

Industrial, Institutional, and Commercial

Boilers, Steam Generators, And Process Heaters Rule 8 - Nitrogen Oxides And Carbon Monoxide from Stationary Internal Combustion Engines Rule 10 - Nitrogen oxides And Carbon Monoxide From Boilers, Steam Generators And Process Heaters in Petroleum Refineries

**REGULATION 10 - STANDARDS OF PERFORMANCE FOR NEW STATIONARY SOURCES:** This Regulation establishes emission and/or performance standards for new plants and other sources by reference to the provisions of Part 60, Chapter 1, Title 40, of the Code of Federal Regulations.

#### **REGULATION 11 - HAZARDOUS POLLUTANTS**

Rule 1 - Lead

Rule 2 - Asbestos Demolition, Renovation and

Manufacturing

Rule 7 - Benzene

Rule 10 - Hexavalent Chromium Emissions From

Cooling Towers

Rule 11 - National Emission Standard For

Benzene Emissions From Coke By-Product

Recovery Plants and Benzene Storage Vessels

Rule 12 - National Emission Standard For

Benzene Emissions From Benzene Transfer

Operations and Benzene Waste Operations

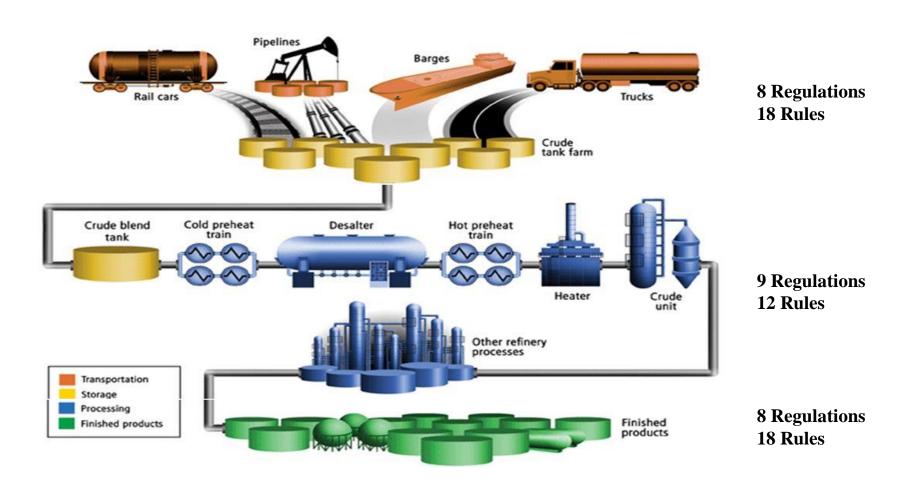
#### REGULATION 12 - MISCELLANEOUS STANDARDS OF PERFORMANCE:

Rule 11 – Flare Monitoring

Rule 12 - Flare Control



#### Refinery Sources of Emissions





#### **Fugitive Emissions:**

- ➤ 100 parts per million leak standard adopted in 1992
- First regulation to control Greenhouse Gases (methane)
- South Coast AQMD and EPA at 500 ppm
- Collaboration between Communities, Environmental Groups and Industry



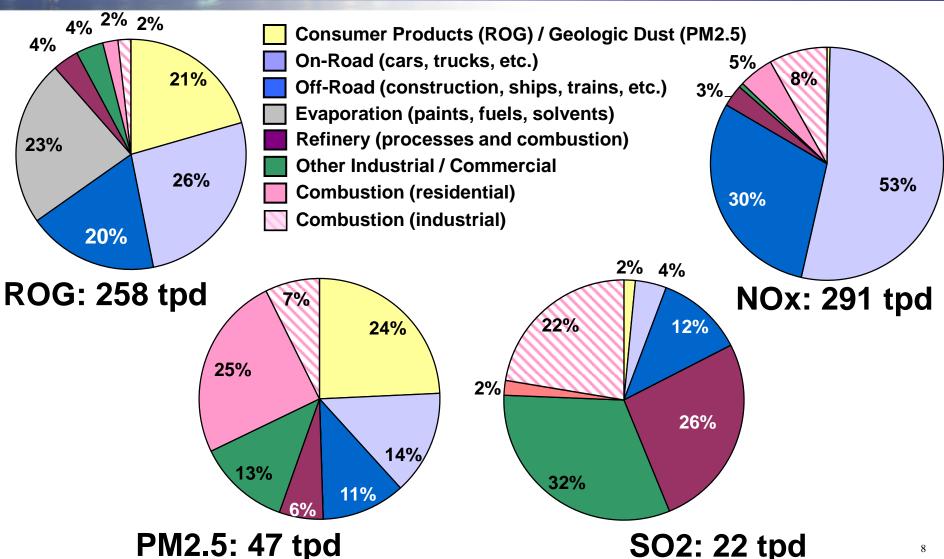
Flare Rules: Goal to limit flaring to emergency events

- ➤ Rule 11 required state of the art monitoring in 2003
- ➤ Rule 12 required Annual Flare Management Plans in 2006
  - Causal Analysis for Each Flaring Event
  - Identify and Implement Prevention Measures
- Collaboration between Communities, Environmental Groups and Industry

#### Air District Compliance & Enforcement - 2013

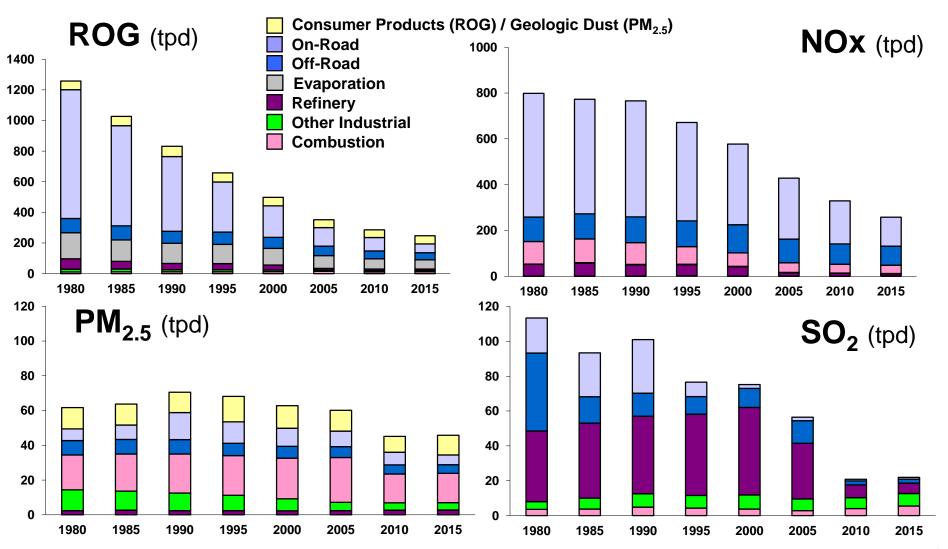
- > Compliance Verification Inspections
  - 10,130
- Complaint Investigations
  - 3,320
- > Violations
  - 1006
- > Incident Investigations
  - 442 Episodes, 82 Breakdowns, 2 Major Incidents
- > Compliance Audits & Refinery Program Review
  - Tank Degas Audit
  - Regulation 8-18 Audit
  - Marine Terminals Audit

### Distribution of 2013 Annual **Average Emissions**

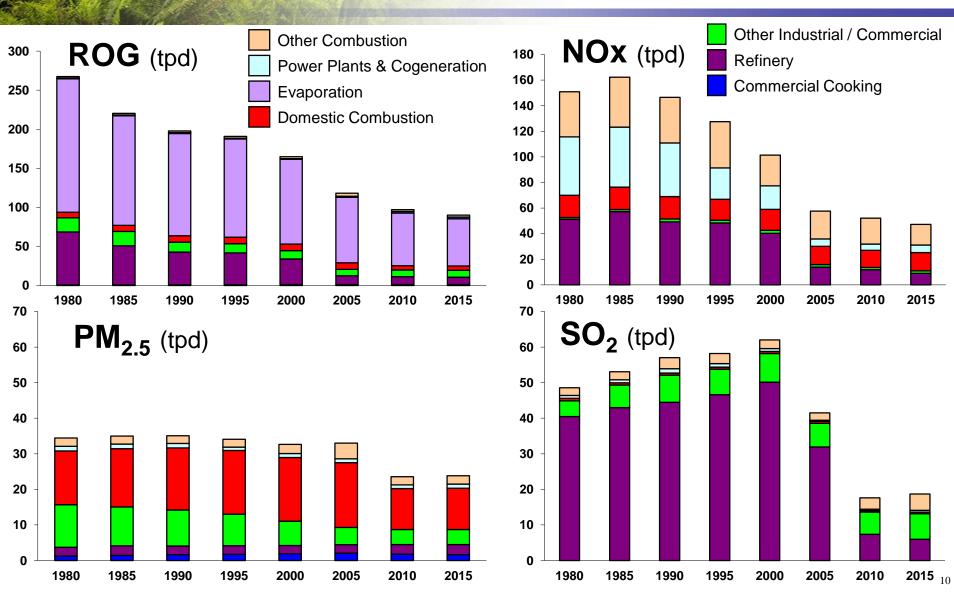


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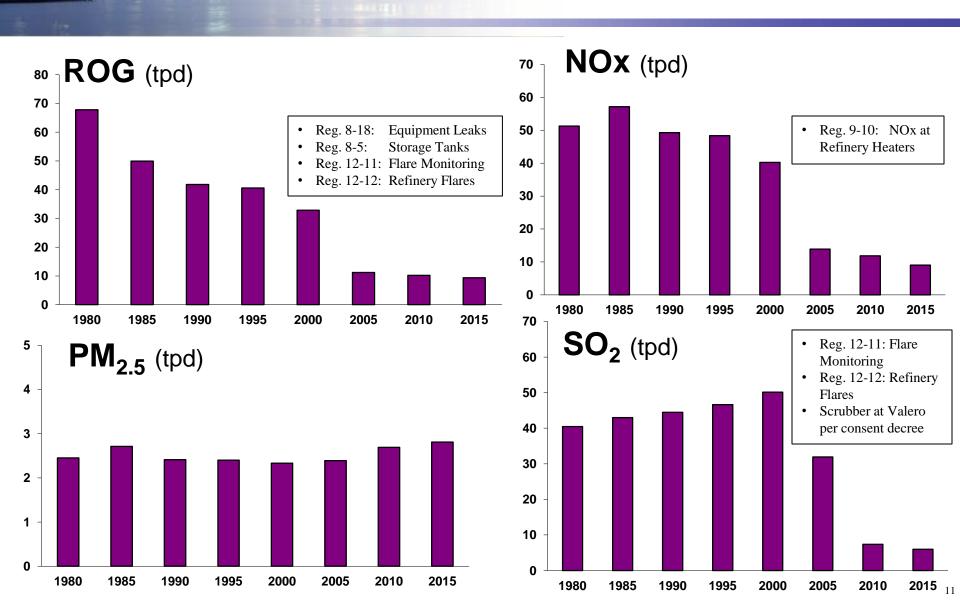
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### Stationary Source Emission Trends 1980-2015

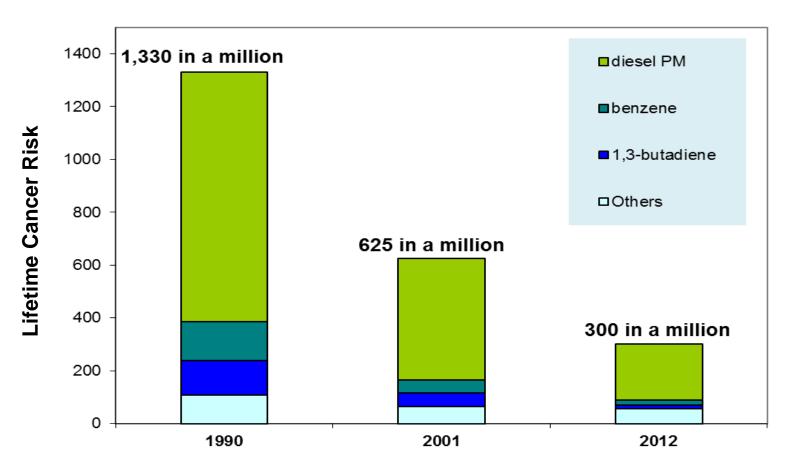


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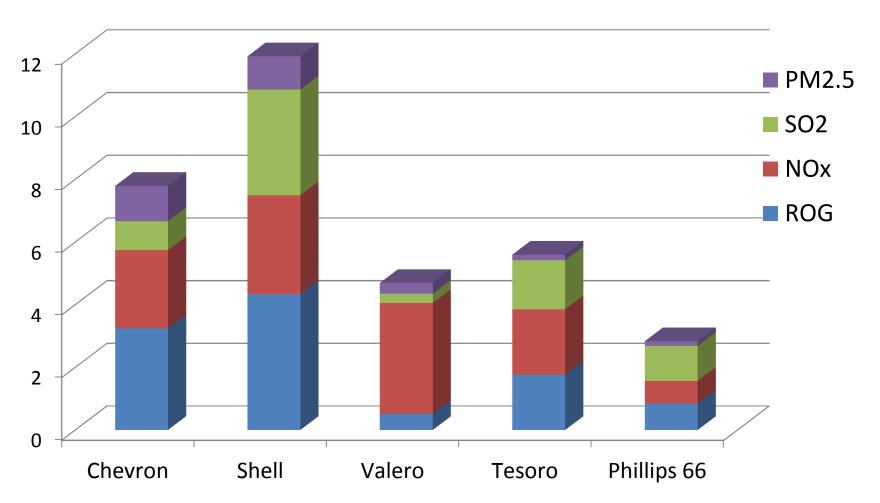


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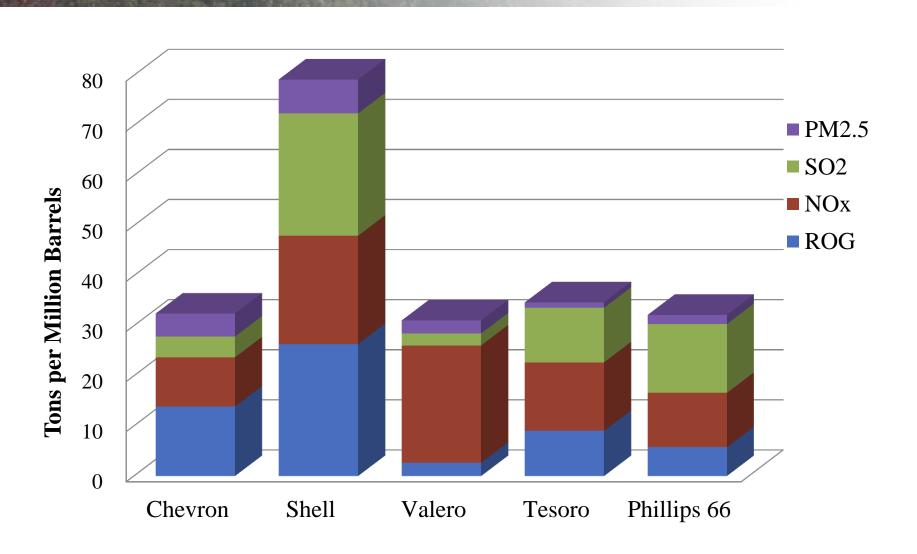
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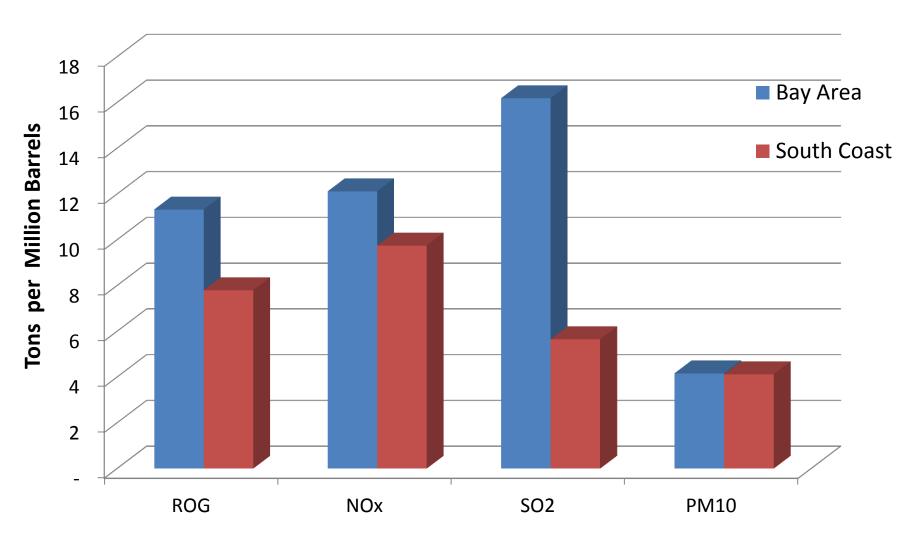
### Bay Area Refinery Emissions 2012 (tons/day)



### Bay Area Refinery Emissions per Production Capacity, 2012



#### Bay Area vs. South Coast Refinery Emissions per Production Capacity, 2010



#### **Comparing South Coast and Bay Area Refineries**

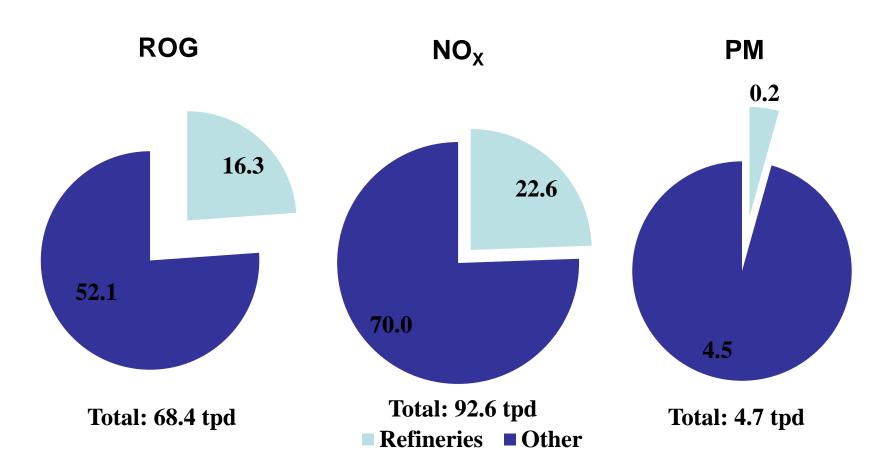
Pollutant	Comparison	Comments	
$NO_X$	Bay Area emissions are generally higher. With some refineries performing better than others.	South Coast is an extreme ozone nonattainment area. As a result, NO <sub>X</sub> requirements on all sources are more stringent in South Coast.	
$SO_X$	Bay Area emissions are <u>consistently higher</u> . However, emissions at the Valero Benicia refinery are very low.	South Coast PM-2.5 strategy includes aggressive SO <sub>2</sub> controls.	
ROG	There appears to be <u>no significant</u> , <u>consistent pattern</u> . Some Bay Area refineries are high emitters and some South Coast refineries are high emitters.	Further investigation on this issue is required, due to differences in how ROG emissions are calculated and reported.	
PM	Insufficient data.	There are significant differences between how PM is calculated and reported in each district, making it difficult to compare.	
Toxics	Insufficient data.	There are significant differences between how toxics are calculated in each district, making it difficult to compare.	

### **Board Actions Requiring Emissions Reductions at Refineries 1992-2013**

Date	RegRule	Description	Pollutant
3/92, 1/98, 11/02, 1/04	8-18	Equipment leaks at refineries	ROG
3/92	8-22, 8-25	Leaks from valves and flanges	ROG
1/93, 12/99, 10/06	8-5	Storage tanks	ROG
1/94, 12/10, 10/13	9-10	Boilers, steam generators, process heaters	$NO_X$
12/97, 3/98, 12/05	8-28	Leaks from pressure relief valves	ROG
6/03	12-11	Refinery flare monitoring	All
1/04	8-10	Process vessel depressurization	ROG
9/04	8-8	Refinery wastewater separators	ROG
7/05, 4/06	12-12	Refinery flares	All
12/05	8-44	Marine loading operations	ROG
7/07	9-8	Stationary internal combustion engines	NOx, PM
4/09	8-33, 8-39	Gasoline bulk terminals	ROG
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## Emissions Reductions from Air District Rules 1992-2013

Stationary Source Emissions Reductions from Air District Rules 1992-2013 [tons per day]



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#### **Summary and Next Steps**

- Significant emissions reductions have been achieved in the Bay Area,
   Bay Area air quality has improved
- Increased focus on fine particulate
  - Smaller particles (TSP > PM10 > PM2.5 > ultrafine)
  - More complex sources secondary PM and condensable PM
- Continuing challenges
  - Low hanging fruit is gone
  - State and national AQ standards regularly revised, tightened
  - Local areas with high pollution exposure, poor health outcomes
  - GHGs
- Each refinery is unique
- Refinery emissions will continue to be focus of District rulemaking and analysis

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### Summary of Ozone Seasons

Year	National 8-Hour	State 1-Hour	State 8-Hour
2011	4	5	10
2012	4	3	8
2013	3	3	3
2014	5	3	10

Spare the Air Alerts: 5/12, 5/13, 5/14, 6/8, 6/9, 7/25, 8/1, 9/11, 9/12, 10/3

Days > 0.075 ppm 8-hour NAAQS: 4/30, 5/1, 5/14, 10/4, 10/5