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## ***Public Input Sought on Reducing Refinery Emissions*** **Air District Holding Community Meetings**

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District (Air District) will hold a series of community meetings in northern Contra Costa County and in Benicia to update residents on proposals being developed to reduce emissions at Bay Area refineries. The meetings will focus on a number of proposals including refinery flares, depressurization of process vessels, equipment leaks, marine loading operations and waste water systems.

Workgroups that include environmentalists, industry personnel and staff from the California Air Resources Board have been working with the Air District on the draft proposals. The purpose of the community meetings is to give a status report on the proposals, outline the process of bringing draft rules before the Air District's Board of Directors for possible adoption, and provide a forum for comments and discussion. The draft proposals are available on the Air District's web site at [www.baaqmd.gov](http://www.baaqmd.gov) under Rules & Regulations, Workshops.

"The Air District has existing rules to reduce emissions from refineries," said William C. Norton, the Air District's Executive Officer. "We are now working with the community to look at additional controls that would incorporate advances in technology, and require industries to adhere to more stringent standards," Norton added.

Members of the public are invited and encouraged to attend. Translators will be available for Spanish-speaking residents. Questions or comments can be directed to Wayne Kino, Supervising Air Quality Specialist (415-749-4789 or [wkino@baaqmd.gov](mailto:wkino@baaqmd.gov)).

The Air District is the regional agency that regulates stationary sources of air pollution in Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, southwest Solano, and southern Sonoma counties.

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## Calendar of Community Meetings

**Flare Monitoring & Control**

**6 pm – 8 pm**

Crockett Community Center  
850 Pomona St., Crockett, CA

**Thursday, October 23rd**

Maple Hall Civic Center  
13831 San Pablo Avenue, San Pablo, CA

**Wednesday, October 29th**

City Council Chambers  
250 East "L" St., Benicia, CA

**Wednesday, November 5th**

City Council Chambers  
525 Henrietta St., Martinez, CA

**Thursday, November 6th**

**Process Vessel Depressurization**

**5:30 pm - 7 pm**

Crockett Community Center  
850 Pomona St., Crockett, CA

**Tuesday, October 28th**

**Equipment Leaks**

**7 pm – 8:30 pm**

Crockett Community Center  
850 Pomona St., Crockett, CA

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