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Air District settles case with Chevron
Refinery to pay \$170,000 for air quality violations

SAN FRANCISCO - The Bay Area Air Quality Management District announced a recent agreement with Chevron U.S.A. Inc. to pay a \$170,000 civil penalty to settle air quality violations at its refinery in Richmond.

The settlement covers certain flaring violations which occurred at the Chevron Richmond facility from 2005 – 2009.

“In order to protect public health, it is essential that local businesses and industry comply with our air quality regulations,” said Jack Broadbent, executive officer of the Air District. “When air quality violations are discovered, we will pursue the appropriate enforcement action to protect Bay Area residents.”

The settlement resolves two Notices of Violation that the Air District issued against Chevron for incidents that took place over a five-year period. The violations involved failure to monitor and analyze flare activity from certain sources. Chevron has reconfigured its equipment to comply with Air District regulations.

The Air District issues Notices of Violation to inform facilities that they have violated a specific air quality regulation or rule. Violators are generally required to respond to the notice within ten days and submit a description of the actions they will take to correct the problem. These actions can include shutting down operations immediately, or changing operations or equipment to come into compliance.

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District (www.baaqmd.gov) is the regional agency responsible for protecting air quality in the nine-county Bay Area.

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