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Chevron pleads no contest to charges stemming from August 2012 fire

Violations discovered by Air District investigation part of criminal case brought by Contra Costa County and California Department of Justice

SAN FRANCISCO - In the wake of its investigations into the August 6, 2012, fire at the Chevron facility in Richmond, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District referred six Notices of Violation to the Contra Costa County District Attorney's Office for criminal prosecution.

These violations became part of the district attorney's criminal case against the company, which was resolved Monday with Chevron's no-contest plea.

Under the plea agreement, Chevron is placed on probation for three years and six months, and must improve their inspection procedures, confer with experts about repairs and upgrades and ensure that better safeguards and safety processes are in place in the future.

Chevron must also pay \$2 million dollars, which includes \$1.28 million in fines and penalties and \$575,000 in reimbursed costs to Cal/OSHA, the Air District and the California Department of Justice. Chevron will also be required to contribute \$145,000 to Richmond BUILD, a public-private partnership that trains workers in the construction and renewable energy fields.

The violations were the result of a joint investigation by the Air District, the Contra Costa County Environmental Protection Unit and the California Division of Occupational Safety and Health.

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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