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Air District settles case with Phillips 66
Refinery to pay \$230,900 for air quality violations

SAN FRANCISCO - The Bay Area Air Quality Management District announced a recent agreement with Phillips 66 Company to pay a \$230,900 civil penalty to settle air quality violations at its refinery in Rodeo.

The settlement covers 19 notices of violation that the Air District issued to Phillips 66 Company for incidents that occurred in 2008 and 2009.

“The Air District has the responsibility to ensure that refineries operate their facilities in full compliance of air quality regulations to protect the health of local residents,” said Jack Broadbent, executive officer of the Air District. “Any violation of these regulations, no matter how minor, will not be tolerated.”

Violations included:

- Violations related to flaring, including late or missed flare-gas samples and noncompliant instrumentation used to measure flare gas flow
- Failures to install required controls on wastewater system components, or to inspect the components
- Violations related to storage tanks, one of which involved a relatively small amount of product on the roof of a storage tank, while another involved the refinery’s operation of a tank while pressure vacuum valves on the tank roof were opened
- An inaccurate ground level monitor for hydrogen sulfide; an exceedance of the hydrogen sulfide limit for refinery fuel gas; several uncapped open-ended lines; short-term emission excesses measured by monitoring equipment; and vapor leaks at valves and connectors

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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