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Air District settles case with Chevron *Refinery to pay \$278,000 for air quality violations*

SAN FRANCISCO - The Bay Area Air Quality Management District announced a recent settlement with Chevron U.S.A Inc. to pay a \$278,000 civil penalty for air quality violations at its refinery in Richmond.

The settlement covers 27 violations issued to Chevron that occurred from 2011 to 2013. These violations included vapor leaks, failure to obtain proper permits for petroleum product storage tanks, uncovered drains on the shipping wharf, and excess hydrogen sulfide concentrations in fuel gas.

“The Air District continues to vigorously inspect the Chevron facility,” said Jack Broadbent, executive officer of the Air District. “We will continue to hold Chevron accountable when they fail to adhere to their permit requirements or comply with air quality regulations.”

The violations have been corrected and did not result in significant emissions. None of the violations were related to the August 2012 Chevron fire.

The Air District issues Notices of Violation when facilities violate 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.

All settlement funds will be used to fund Air District activities such as the inspection and enforcement work that led to this settlement.

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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