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Air District settles case with Air Liquide Large Industries U.S.

Company to pay \$538,780 for one air quality violation

SAN FRANCISCO – Today the Bay Area Air Quality Management District announced that Air Liquide Large Industries U.S., has agreed to pay \$538,780 in a civil penalty to settle one air pollution Notice of Violation at its hydrogen plant located on the grounds of the Phillips 66 Refinery in Rodeo.

The Notice of Violation cites elevated levels of carbon monoxide emitted by the furnace at the Air Liquide hydrogen plant in Rodeo. Burners within the furnace clogged, causing the elevated emissions from approximately March 10, 2015, through June 19, 2015.

The violations that led to this settlement have been corrected.

“The Air District holds every regulated facility strictly to their permit conditions and limits,” said Jack Broadbent, executive officer of the Air District. “Whenever a facility is out of compliance, we may determine that a significant financial penalty is warranted, based on the amount of pollution emitted and the need to prevent violations in the future.”

Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless, gas emitted by the combustion of fossil fuels. It is one of the six criteria pollutants outlined in the Clean Air Act. The Bay Area has been in attainment of federal standards for Carbon Monoxide since 1998.

In an enclosed, space carbon monoxide can cause harmful health effects by reducing oxygen delivery to the body’s major organs and tissues.

Air Liquide owns and operates the hydrogen plant, and provides hydrogen to the Phillips 66 Refinery for its operations.

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

Air Liquide is an international company that specializes in making and distributing industrial gases, technologies and services for industry.

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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