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Air District settles case with Phillips 66

Refinery to pay \$793,250 for air quality violations

SAN FRANCISCO - The Bay Area Air Quality Management District announced today that Phillips 66 Refinery has agreed to pay \$793,250 to settle air pollution violations at its refinery in Rodeo.

The settlement covers 87 notices of violation issued to Phillips 66 for non-compliance at its refinery from 2010 through 2014.

The violations that led to this settlement have been corrected.

“Facilities like Phillips 66 are expected to follow all applicable air quality rules which limit air pollution or be subject to vigorous enforcement action from the Air District,” said Jack Broadbent, executive officer of the Air District. “This settlement represents a series of enforcement actions that will help prevent future violations and protect the local community.”

Violations included:

- Approximately one-third of the Notices of Violation issued in 2010 stemmed from an unplanned refinery shutdown on October 22, 2010, which included two emissions violations and two more related to heavy smoke from flaring.
- In 2011, Philips 66 received Notices of Violation related to three public nuisances caused by odors from the refinery.
- In 2012, the Air District cited a public nuisance and numerous ground level monitor excesses on June 15 and 16, that resulted when a sour water tank ruptured sending gasses, including hydrogen sulfide, into neighboring communities.
- The balance of the NOVs cited relatively minor violations: isolated, short-lived emission-related violations, such as brief violations of emission limits as measured by monitors on refinery equipment; missed or late source tests; Leak Detection and Repair program violations; or minor administrative violations.

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