On September 20, 2016, at approximately 8:00 pm, the Air District started receiving complaints alleging odor of gasoline, natural gas and rotten eggs from an unknown source affecting a wide area in Vallejo and Benicia. The Vallejo Fire Department and PG&E also received many calls regarding the odor. The Office of Emergency Services (OES) reported that Vallejo Sutter and Kaiser Hospitals had received 100 patients with an additional 20 at Northern facilities; patients’ main complaints included headaches, nausea and dizziness.

The United States Coast Guard (USCG) reported that an oil sheen was observed in San Pablo Bay, near Vallejo. Initial reports from the local refineries indicated that there were no incidents or releases at the time of the odor complaints. The USCG San Francisco reported that a helicopter fly-over was performed and nothing was discovered in the area last night.

At the time of the odor complaints, Phillips 66 Refinery was unloading crude oil from a marine vessel. Out of precaution, that operation was shut down when a report of oil sheen was received at about 8:00 pm. The winds were from the Southwest at the time of the odor complaints.

On September 21, 2016 Phillips discovered an oil sheen at their wharf and initial indications are that a marine vessel may have a leak in its bow. An incident command post has been established and resources are responding.

Air District staff is currently investigating and will update the report when new information is obtained.