At approximately 10:15 AM today, Tesoro Refinery lost power due to an apparent electrical switching station failure located at the Foster Wheeler Co-Generation facility. The refinery is flaring with black plumes coming from the flares. Tesoro issued a Contra Costa Community Warning System Level 2, possible off site impacts at 10:30 AM. The wind direction is variable at 1 to 2 miles per hour.

The District has inspectors at the facilities and in the community initiating an investigation and assessing downwind impacts in the communities. Ambient air samples were taken from the downwind communities and will be analyzed for any elevated levels of air pollution.

The District is continuing the investigation.

For further information, please contact the Compliance and Enforcement Division’s Officer of the Day at (415) 749-4111.