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## **Interagency Refinery Task Force to Host Northern California Safety Forum**

RICHMOND, Calif. – The California Interagency Refinery Task Force will host a Refinery Safety Forum meeting Dec. 11 in Richmond. This is the first of a series of forums to provide information and promote dialogue on worker and community safety.

The two hour forum offers an opportunity for the public to obtain facts and insight, ask questions, and discuss how refinery operations impact the community. Translators will be available to translate in Spanish and Lao.

**When:** Thursday, Dec. 11, 2014, 6-8 p.m.

**Where:** Richmond City Council Chambers  
440 Civic Center Plaza, Richmond, CA 94804

**Who:** Participating and planning organizations include local, state, and federal agencies; labor and contractor organizations; refineries; academia; and community and environmental groups.

**Topics:**

- Emergency Warning and Notification Systems
- Air Monitoring Systems
- Transportation of Petroleum by Rail and Other Means

More safety forums are being planned on related topics in Northern California and other areas of the state where refineries are located.

The [Interagency Refinery Task Force](#) works collaboratively to achieve the highest level of safety for refinery workers and local communities to prevent incidents, and prepare for and effectively respond to emergencies. Following a fire at the Chevron refinery in Richmond in August 2012, Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr directed CalEPA to create the Interagency Refinery Task Force that includes ten state agencies, U.S. EPA, and local agencies from areas of the state that contain refineries.

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