

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE INVITING WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS

NOTICE is hereby given that the Bay Area Air Quality Management District invites written comments on the reopening of the Major Facility Review Permit for the following Facility:

Application	Facility #	Facility Name	Address, City	Type of Operation
16423	B2626	Valero Refining Co. – California	3400 East Second Street Benicia, CA 94510-1097	Petroleum Refinery

The facility above received its initial Title V permit on December 1, 2003. On December 15, 2003, the facility was given notice that the permit would be reopened to finalize flare conditions, finalize monitoring for Regulation 9, Rule 10, limits, to incorporate authorities to construct that have been identified by the facility as “critical”, and to incorporate other corrections. All changes are clearly shown in “strikeout/underline format” and have been addressed in the permit evaluation/statement of basis.

The draft changes will result in a 0.745 ton/yr increase in the total POC emissions, a 0.006 ton/yr increase for NOx emissions, a 0.004 ton/yr increase in PM10 emissions, a 0.005 ton/yr increase in CO emissions, and a 0.000036 ton/yr increase of SO2 emissions.

The District also invites comments on changes made to the draft permit published on August 15, 2003, as reflected in the final permit issued on December 1, 2003. Comments made on other aspects of the permit will be accepted but may not be addressed at this time. All comments must be received by March 31, 2004. The public may also request a public hearing for this draft revision of the permit.

After the public comment period and after any changes made in response to comments, a proposed revised permit will be sent to US EPA for their 45-day review. EPA has indicated to the District that this review may address issues beyond the conditions being revised. See the permit statement of basis for more explanation. The public may petition US EPA, Region IX, Operating Permits Section at 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105 within 60 days after the end of US EPA’s review to object to the permit. The beginning and end of EPA’s review period can be found on EPA Region IX’s website at: <http://www.epa.gov/region9/air/permit/epssdata.htm>.

The proposed Major Facility Review permit and permit evaluation/statement of basis are available for public inspection by appointment at the District Headquarters, 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco, CA. For an appointment, please call May Leung at (415) 749-4729. The permit and permit evaluation/statement of basis are also available on the District’s webpage at the following address: <http://www.baaqmd.gov/pmt/t5/t5publicnotices/t5publicnotices.asp>. Written comments should be directed to Arthur P. Valla at Bay Area Air Quality Management District, 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco, CA 94109 or by email to avalla@baaqmd.gov. Any request for information should be directed Arthur P. Valla, (415) 749-5184.

Dated at San Francisco, the 24th day of February, 2004.

Signed by Jack P. Broadbent
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