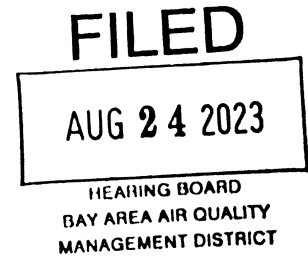


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**BEFORE THE HEARING BOARD OF THE
BAY AREA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

In the Matter of the

AIR POLLUTION CONTROL OFFICER
of the BAY AREA AIR QUALITY
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT,

Complainant,

vs.

VALERO REFINING COMPANY -
CALIFORNIA,

Respondent.

Re: Valero Refining Company – California
Facility No. B2626

DOCKET NO. 3743

NOTICE OF DEFENSE

TO THE HEARING BOARD OF THE BAY AREA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT
DISTRICT:

The undersigned, the Respondent in the above-entitled proceeding, hereby acknowledges receipt of a copy of the Accusation and Stipulated Order of Abatement (“Accusation”), Statement to Respondent, California Government Code Sections 11507.5, 11507.6, and 11507.7, and a Notice of Defense.

Pursuant to Hearing Board Rule 4.5.a., Respondent hereby:

☒ 1. Requests a hearing.

☐ 2. Objects to the accusation upon the ground that it does not state acts or omissions upon which the Hearing Board may proceed.

☐ 3. Objects to the form of the accusation on the ground that it is so indefinite or uncertain that the Respondent cannot identify the transaction or prepare its defense.

□ 4. Admits the accusation in whole.

☐ 5. Admits the accusation in part.

☐ 6. Presents new matter by way of defense.

Respondent's name and mailing address are set forth below.

A notice of defense is deemed a denial of all parts of the Accusation not expressly admitted in the notice.

Dated: 8/24/2023

Respondent: Valero Refining Company-California

Title: Special Counsel

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