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### **Air District settles case with Chevron USA Inc.**

*Refinery to pay \$170,000 for air quality violations*

**SAN FRANCISCO** – The Bay Area Air Quality Management District announced today that Chevron USA Inc. has agreed to pay \$170,000 to settle air quality violations at its refinery in Richmond.

The settlement covers 25 Notices of Violation issued for air quality violations at the Richmond Oil Refinery during 2014 and 2015. The violations addressed in this settlement included flaring events during which hydrogen sulfide limits were exceeded, failure to take samples during flaring events, a public nuisance violation for odors and failure to properly monitor for hydrocarbon leaks at cooling towers.

“The Air District closely monitors operations at refineries to ensure stringent air quality regulations are followed,” said Jack Broadbent, executive officer of the Air District. “When violations are discovered, our first priority is to bring the facility back into compliance with all federal, state and local regulations as quickly as possible in order eliminate impacts to the public and communities surrounding the refineries.”

All the violations that led to this settlement have been corrected.

The Air District issues Notices of Violation when facilities violate a specific air quality regulation or rule. Violators are generally required to respond to the notice within ten days and submit a description of the actions they will take to correct the problem. These actions can include shutting down certain operations immediately, or changing operations or equipment to come into compliance.

All settlement funds will be used to fund Air District activities such as the inspection and enforcement activities that led to this settlement.

The [Bay Area Air Quality Management District](#) is the regional agency responsible for protecting air quality in the nine-county Bay Area. Connect with the Air District via [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), and [YouTube](#).

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