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Air District settles case with Tesoro Refining & Marketing Co.

Refinery to pay \$915,700 for 51 air quality violations

SAN FRANCISCO – The Bay Area Air Quality Management District announced today that Tesoro Refining & Marketing Co. has agreed to pay \$915,700 to settle air quality violations at its Golden Eagle Refinery in Martinez.

The settlement covers 51 notices of violation issued to Tesoro for non-compliance at its refinery in 2013 and 2014. The violations that led to this settlement were corrected soon after they were discovered.

“Bay Area refineries are held to the strictest air quality regulations in the country to protect the health of those in surrounding communities,” said Jack Broadbent, executive officer of the Air District. “The Air District has a responsibility to protect public health by requiring facilities to comply with air quality regulations and make the necessary changes to ensure that violations don’t recur.”

The 51 air quality violations include:

- Two notices of violation were related to flares.
- Six violations of emissions standards were attributed to power outages at the refinery that could have been avoided, including an electrical shortage in a power substation and an outage caused after installation of a new surge protector.
- Two violations were caused by inadequate maintenance at Tesoro’s truck loading rack.
- Tesoro failed nine source tests of equipment at the refinery, including tests of engines, furnaces and a boiler, all indicating excess emissions of air pollutants.
- Other violations included a violation for liquid gasoline product found on the roof of a storage tank after many of the tank’s seals had failed, a violation for leaking pressure relief valves on another tank, and a third violation for gaps in the seal of a tank.
- The group of notices of violation also includes 16 violations of emission-based standards and 13 monitoring and reporting violations.

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