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Air District hosts Refinery Community Air Monitoring workshops

Air District seeks input on expanding air monitoring efforts in the Bay Area's refinery communities

SAN FRANCISCO – The Bay Area Air Quality Management District is hosting a series of workshops to implement additional air monitoring in communities located near refineries.

At the workshops the public will have an opportunity to learn about current and upcoming monitoring at or near refineries, ask questions of Air District staff, share information about their communities and their ideas about future monitoring efforts.

"The Air District adopted Regulation 12, Rule 15 in 2016 to enable the Air District and the cities in refinery communities to gather more accurate air emissions data from refineries," said Jack Broadbent, executive officer of the Air District. "We encourage the public, local government and refineries employees to join us at these workshops to ask questions, provide comment or simply hear the discussion around this new initiative."

The Air District has been measuring air quality since 1962 when it established the first regional ambient air monitoring system in the nation. That system, comprised of over 30 air quality monitoring stations, has grown to be one of the most comprehensive air monitoring networks in the nation.

The current effort to expand monitoring around Bay Area refinery communities will add to the Air District's already extensive network.

Workshop Schedule

Richmond

Wednesday, February 21, 6-8 p.m. Richmond Convention Center Complex, Bermuda Room 403 Civic Center Plaza

Martinez

Thursday, February 22, 6-8 p.m. City of Martinez Council Chamber 525 Henrietta Street

Padaa

Thursday, March 1, 6-8 p.m. Lefty Gomez Recreation Center 470 Parker Avenue

Benicia

Monday, March 5, 6-8 p.m. Veterans Memorial Building 1150 First Street

For more information, see the Workshops on Refinery Community Monitoring flyer at http://www.baaqmd.gov/~/media/files/technical-services/12_15-open-house-flyerv2-pdf.pdf?la=en

For questions, please contact Katherine Hoag at khoag@baaqmd.gov or 415 749-4619.

Spanish interpretation will be available. Interpretation for other languages can be provided upon request at least 72 hours before the event. Contact Azibuike Akaba at aakaba@baaqmd.gov or 415.749.8603 to request interpretation.

Habrá interpretación al español disponible. El servicio de interpretación para otros idiomas estará disponible si se solicita al menos 72 horas antes del evento. Comuníquese con Azibuike Akaba en aakaba@baaqmd.gov o al 415-749-8603 para solicitar servicios de interpretación.

可提供西班牙語口譯服務。其他語言的口譯服務需要提前至少72小時申請。透過電郵 <u>aakaba@baaqmd.gov</u> 或撥打 415-749-8603 聯絡Azibuike Akaba申請口譯服務。

Magkakaroon ng interpretasyon sa Espanyol. Ibibigay ang interpretasyon para sa ibang mga wika kapag hiniling nang 72 oras bago ang event. Kontakin si Azibuike Akaba sa aakaba@baaqmd.gov o 415.749.8603 para humiling ng interpretasyon.

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