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Air District settles case with Shell Oil Products US

Refinery to pay \$433,000 for air quality violations

SAN FRANCISCO – The Bay Area Air Quality Management District announced today that Shell Oil Products US, has agreed to pay \$433,000 to settle violations at its former refinery in Martinez.

This settlement covers 44 notices of violation issued to the company for non-compliance with air quality regulations at its operations that occurred in 2017, 2018 and 2019.

“Ensuring that we all have clean air to breathe is the Air District’s top priority,” said Jack Broadbent, executive officer of the Air District. “This settlement is one way we hold Shell Oil accountable for its violations of air quality regulations and continue to safeguard clean air for all Bay Area residents.”

The violations addressed in this settlement include:

- Extinguishment of flare pilots resulting in emissions of total organic compounds and hydrogen sulfide
- Various excess emissions violations including hydrogen sulfide, sulfur dioxide, and nitrogen oxide control violations; tank seal gaps; and visible emissions
- Various permitting violations
- Recordkeeping, monitoring and reporting violations

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 10 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.

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