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Air District to hold public meeting on preliminary health risk assessment for Chevron Refinery in Richmond

SAN FRANCISCO – The Bay Area Air District will host a public meeting on the preliminary health risk assessment for the Chevron Refinery in Richmond to explain the findings and the comment process. The public comment period closes on **Monday, November 23** at **5 p.m.** To register to attend this meeting, click here: https://bit.ly/4xYuHJM.

WHAT: Public meeting on Chevron Refinery preliminary health risk assessment

WHO: Bay Area Air District and community members

WHEN: **Monday, September 21, 5 – 6:30 p.m.**

WHERE: Richmond Memorial Auditorium & Convention Center – Main Floor
403 Civic Center Plaza
Richmond, CA

On August 25, 2026, the Air District released a preliminary health risk assessment for the Chevron Refinery in Richmond. It found that the estimated cancer and short-term health risks from air emissions for people living near the refinery were above the allowed levels**,** which may require Chevron to implement a plan to reduce health risk.

The Chevron Refinery has operated in Richmond since 1902 and covers roughly 2,900 acres along the San Francisco Bay. The Air District adopted Rule 11-18 in 2017 and set the most stringent risk thresholds in the nation. The rule requires the Air District to review emissions at facilities that may pose elevated risk, then requires those facilities to reduce that risk or install best available retrofit technology. To learn more about the 11-18 program and the health risk assessment process, visit the Rule 11-18 Progress webpage.

The Bay Area Air District is the regional agency responsible for protecting air quality in the nine-county Bay Area. Connect with the Air District via X, Facebook, Instagram and YouTube.

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