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**Chevron Richmond Refinery
October 2019 Flaring Causal Analysis Report
Via E-mail**

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To Whom It May Concern:

Attached is the flaring causal analysis report for October 2019 for Chevron's Richmond Refinery. This report is submitted pursuant to Regulation 12, Rule 12, Section 12-12-406. The report is due within 60 days of the end of October 2019 for any reportable flaring events that occurred during the month of October 2019. There were two reportable flaring events that occurred in October 2019.

If you have any questions regarding this report, please contact Katie Gong at (510) 242-1930.

Sincerely,

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Attachment

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Attachment I

Causal Analysis Report

Chevron Richmond Refinery
Reportable Flaring Events

October 10, 2019

Planned Shutdown of Hydrogen Plant Train 1 (S-4449) and Train 2 (S-4450)

Refinery Flare Event – Cause Investigation Report

1. Date on which the report was drafted: December 30, 2019

2. The refinery name and site number:

Refinery: Chevron Richmond Refinery
Refinery Site Number: A0010

3. The assigned refinery contact name and phone number:

Contact Name: Katie Gong
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Is this a rescission/modification of a previous report: No.

Date of initial report: N/A

Reason for rescission/modification: N/A

4. Identification of flare (s) at which the reportable event occurred by reviewing water seal monitoring data to determine which seals were breached during the event

| Flare | Reportable Event (SO2 or Vent Gas Volume) |
|--------------|---|
| H2 (S-6021)* | Vent Gas Volume |

**Note: The Hydrogen Plant (H2) flare does not have a water seal.*

5. The flaring event duration for each affected flare

Flare (Source Number): H2 (S-6021)

The Date(s) of the event: 10/10/2019

The start time of the event: 12:10AM

The end time of the event: 1:57PM

The net duration of event: 13 hours and 47 minutes

6. A brief description of the flaring event –

On October 10, 2019, the Chevron Richmond Refinery began the planned shutdown of Hydrogen Plant Train 1 and Train 2. The Hydrogen Plant shutdown procedures include routing flows to relief. The Hydrogen Plant does not have flare gas recovery or a water seal, and therefore all relief flow results in flaring. The vent gas volume exceeded 500,000 scf on October 10, 2019.

7. A process flow diagram showing the equipment and process units that were the primary cause of the event.

See Attachment Ia

8. The total volume of vent gas flared (MMSCF) throughout the event

| Flare | Volume (MMSCF) |
|-------|----------------|
| H2 | 12.2 |

9. The emissions associated with the flaring event per calendar day

| Flare | Calendar Day | CH4 (lbs.) | NMHC (lbs.) | SO2 (lbs.) |
|--------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| H2 | October 10, 2019 | 1894 | 100 | 0.0 |

Assumptions used to calculate emissions – consistent with the reporting under Reg. 12-11.

10. A statement as to whether or not the gas was scrubbed to eliminate or reduce any entrained compounds and a list of the compounds for which the scrubbing was performed.

The vent gas was not scrubbed to eliminate or reduce any entrained compounds.

11. The primary cause of the flaring event including a detailed description of the cause and all contributing factors. Also identify the upstream process units that contributed vent Gas flow to the flare header and provide other flow instrumentation data where available.

Flaring was due to a planned Hydrogen Plant Train 1 and Train 2 shutdown for maintenance.

Vent gas flow originated from the Hydrogen Plant Train 1 (S-4449) and Train 2 (S-4450), and associated equipment, including S-4471 and S-4472.

12. Describe all immediate corrective actions to stabilize the flaring event, and to reduce or eliminate emissions (flare gas recovered or stored to minimize flaring during the event). If a decision was made not to store or recover flare gas, explain why.

Operations followed shutdown procedures. The Hydrogen Plant does not have flare gas recovery.

13. Was the flaring the results of an emergency? If so, was the flaring necessary to prevent an accident, hazard or release to the atmosphere?

The flaring was not due to an Emergency (defined in Regulation 12-12-201) as interpreted by the BAAQMD.

14. If not the result of an emergency and necessary to prevent an accident, hazard or release to the atmosphere, was the flaring consistent with an approved FMP? If yes, provide a citation to the facility's FMP and any explanation necessary to understand the basis for this determination.

The flaring was consistent with Chevron's FMP Section 2.1 Table 2-4. Table 2-4 identifies the vent before the PSA1 (S-4449) and PSA2 (S-4450), PSA1, and PSA2 as sources that may flare in non-emergency events (e.g. start-up, shutdown).

15. If the flaring was due to a regulatory mandate to vent to flare, why couldn't the gas be recovered, treated, and used as fuel gas?

N/A. Flaring was not due to regulatory mandate.

16. Identify and describe in detail each prevention measure (PM) considered to minimize flaring from the type of reportable flaring event that occurred.

- a) State whether the PM is feasible (and will be implemented), or not feasible**
- b) Explain why the PM is not feasible, if applicable**

Flaring cannot be prevented during plant shutdown due to facility and relief system design. Operational activities were consistent with shutdown procedures.