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## Compliance and Enforcement Division

### **INCIDENT REPORT**

**Chevron Richmond Refinery, Site # A0010**  
**841 Chevron Way, Richmond, CA**  
**November 2, 2020**

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On November 2, 2020, at approximately 1:00 pm, the Chevron Richmond Refinery (Chevron) experienced a process unit upset, which led to flaring activity at four of the refinery's flares. The flaring resulted in a visible flame and black smoke which could be seen by the surrounding community. At this time there is no known cause and Chevron and the Air District have initiated an investigation.

Air District inspection staff was on scene 1:31 pm to monitor the situation and patrol for any offsite impacts. The Air District received and investigated 20 complaints from the neighboring community during this incident.

Air District inspection staff is evaluating ground level and fence line monitor data. The wind direction during the time of the flaring was variable, with windspeed from 3 - 8 mph.

Air District staff will continue to monitor the situation and investigate this incident to determine if any violations of Air District regulations occurred.