



BAY AREA
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Compliance and Enforcement Division

INCIDENT REPORT

Chevron Richmond Refinery, Site # A0010
841 Chevron Way, Richmond, CA
February 9, 2021

On February 9, 2021, at 2:32 pm, Chevron Richmond Refinery (Chevron) was alerted to an oil sheen on the water by a community member. Chevron determined an ongoing spill of petroleum oil was occurring from the long wharf. The spill continued until 3:54 pm, creating petroleum odors in the area and a large sheen on the bay and the shoreline to the southeast of the long wharf.

The long wharf is the area where vessels dock to bring crude oil and finished product to and from the refinery.

The Air District received an alert regarding the incident from the Chevron Community Warning Alert (CWS) at 3:44 pm. Air District inspection staff was on scene at 3:55 pm to monitor the situation and patrol for any offsite impacts.

At this time, Chevron has indicated that the spill came from a hole in a ballast pipeline. The cause of the hole that resulted in the spill is unknown. The pipeline has been clamped shut as a means of temporary repair and the spill had stopped as of 5:00 pm. The Air District, in coordination with several other agencies including Chevron Fire, Richmond Fire, East Bay Regional Park District, Hazmat, Fish & Wildlife, and the US Coast Guard have initiated an investigation into the spill.

There were no elevated levels of emissions recorded on Chevron's ground level air monitors, but the Air District did receive two odor complaints from the neighboring community during this incident. The winds during the time of spill were out of the southeast through southwest at 3 - 5 mph.

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