

Compliance and Enforcement Division
COMMUNITY AWARENESS UPDATE

December 24, 2025

Public Storage

398 Carlson Boulevard, Richmond, California

On December 24, 2025, at 5:25 a.m, Air District staff received multiple complaints alleging burning plastic, smoke odors in the Richmond area with no known source. Air District staff arrived at the location within half an hour and conducted patrols in the area of the complaints and around Chevron Richmond Refinery and observed a dark smoke plume in the area of Carlson Boulevard and South Street and found the smoke appeared to be coming from a commercial structure. Air District staff observed fire crews attempting to extinguish a fire at a Public Storage facility near Carlson and Cutting Boulevards. Staff also patrolled Chevron refinery and did not observe any flaring, visible emissions, or unusual odors. Fenceline and ground-level monitors at Chevron Richmond Refinery showed no elevated measurements.

The preliminary cause of the fire is under investigation. Air District staff will continue to monitor this situation to determine if there are any violations of District Regulations.