

Compliance and Enforcement Division
INCIDENT REPORT
January 26, 2026
MRC Refinery, Site # A0011
3485 Pacheco Boulevard Martinez, California

On January 26, 2026, MRC Refinery (MRC) had an internal electrical issue, which caused an operations upset at the refinery. The upset resulted in flaring and odors from the flare that began at 10:45 AM. A Contra Costa Community Warning System (CWS) Level 1 notification was issued by MRC at 10:53 AM for the flaring event.

Air District staff were onsite to respond to odor complaints, patrol around MRC and to investigate the flaring event. The winds were out of the Northeast. The Air District received a total of 24 air quality complaints. MRC received a total of 8 complaints. The flaring event ceased at 12:06 PM and odors were no longer present. There is potential for intermittent flaring while MRC returns the refinery units to normal operations.

Preliminary review of the ground-level monitors did not show any excesses of hydrogen sulfide and sulfur dioxide above regulatory standards.



The Air District's investigation of this event is ongoing, and we will provide additional updates as we receive further information.