

Compliance and Enforcement Division

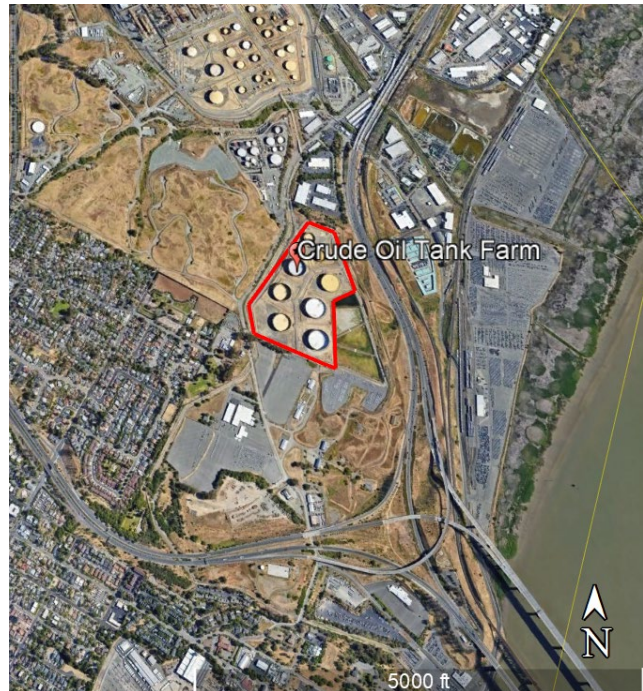
INCIDENT REPORT

January 28, 2026

Valero Refining Company, Site # B2626

3400 East Second Street, Benicia, California

On Monday, January 26, 2026, the Bay Area Air District (Air District) received odor complaints impacting the Benicia neighborhoods southwest of the Valero Refining Company (Valero). Air District staff received and responded to three odor complaints on Monday and two odor complaints on Tuesday, January 27, 2026. Air District staff traced the odors to tank degassing operations at Valero's Crude Oil Tank Farm associated with the removal of crude oil. The Benicia Fire Department received four odor complaints on Monday and two on Tuesday alleging Valero. Winds during the odor complaints were steadily coming from the East at approximately 5-10 mph.



Air District staff continue to closely monitor the operations at Valero, conducting morning and afternoon patrols around the refinery, and have maintained a regular presence throughout the Benicia community. Air District staff were onsite at Valero's Crude Tank Farm on both days to observe the tank degassing operations and have coordinated efforts with the Benicia Fire Department and Solano County HazMat.

Preliminary review of the ground-level monitors did not show any excesses of hydrogen sulfide and sulfur dioxide above regulatory standards. Fenceline monitoring also indicated levels remained below reference exposure levels.

Air District staff have documented two Public Nuisance violations and an additional tank degassing violation. For more information on any Notices of Violation (NOV) that may be issued, please refer to the [NOV web tool](#) on the Air District website.

The Air District's investigation of this event is ongoing. Additional updates will be provided, as further information is obtained.