

NEWS BRIEF

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Lawsuit against Bay Area Air District dismissed today

Ruling made in Kinder Morgan case

SAN FRANCISCO – Judge Peter Busch of the San Francisco Superior Court ruled today that he will dismiss the lawsuit brought by four environment groups against the Bay Area Air District regarding the Kinder Morgan permit to transfer crude oil from rail cars to tanker trucks. The basis of the ruling was that the petitioners did not file the case within 180 days after the District approved the project, as required under CEQA's statute of limitations. The Air District will continue to work with state legislators and policy makers regarding where and how crude oil is transported into the region for refining. Kinder Morgan has a valid Air District permit for the transfer of crude oil and ethanol from rail cars to tanker trucks to be distributed to area refineries.

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