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## Air District settles case with Phillips 66 Company

Refinery to pay \$99,400 for air quality violations

**SAN FRANCISCO** – The Bay Area Air Quality Management District announced today that Phillips 66 Company has agreed to pay \$99,400 to settle air quality violations at its refinery in Rodeo.

The Air District has settled a group of 13 Notices of Violation issued to Phillips 66 Company for air quality violations that occurred at its Rodeo refinery in 2015.

"Air District inspectors are on site at local refineries daily to ensure compliance with air quality regulations," said Jack Broadbent, executive officer of the Air District. "When violations do occur, our first priority is to stop the violation to protect residents in the surrounding communities and then to hold facilities accountable to ensure it doesn't happen again."

The Notices of Violation addressed in the settlement include:

- brief violations of emission limits as measured by monitors on refinery equipment;
- venting of odorous gases that did not result in a public nuisance;
- a failed accuracy test of a continuous emission monitoring system;
- Leak Detection and Repair program violations; or minor administrative violations.

All the violations that led to this settlement have been corrected.

The Air District issues Notices of Violation when facilities violate a specific air quality regulation or rule. Violators are generally required to respond to the notice within ten days and submit a description of the actions they will take to correct the problem. These actions can include shutting down certain operations immediately, or changing operations or equipment to come into compliance.

All settlement funds will be used to fund Air District activities such as the inspection and enforcement activities that led to this settlement.

The <u>Bay Area Air Quality Management District</u> is the regional agency responsible for protecting air quality in the nine-county Bay Area. Connect with the Air District via <u>Twitter</u>, <u>Facebook</u>, and <u>YouTube</u>.

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