



# NOTICE OF PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF PETROLEUM REFINERY FLARE MINIMIZATION PLAN (FMP) ANNUAL UPDATES

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**BAY AREA** TO: INTERESTED PARTIES  
**AIR QUALITY** FROM: AIR POLLUTION CONTROL OFFICER  
**MANAGEMENT** SUBJECT: **PETROLEUM REFINERY FLARE MINIMIZATION**  
**DISTRICT** **PLAN ANNUAL UPDATES AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC**  
**REVIEW AND COMMENT**

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The Bay Area Air Quality Management District (Air District) is releasing the Flare Minimization Plan (FMP) Annual Updates for public review and comment. The five Bay Area petroleum refineries prepared these plans subject to Regulation 12, Rule 12: Flares at Petroleum Refineries.

Under Regulation 12-12, each FMP Annual Update must include:

- New prevention measures identified during investigations of flaring events that occurred during the period July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020;
- A description of the prevention measures previously taken or currently planned to reduce flare emissions at the refinery; and
- Commitment to implement all new feasible prevention measures expeditiously.

#### How to Access FMP Annual Updates

The plan updates can be obtained from any of the following sources:

- On the Air District website:  
<http://www.baaqmd.gov/plans-and-climate/emission-tracking-and-monitoring/flare-minimization-plans>
- By request by calling (415) 749-4999. A copy will be mailed out.

#### Public Comment Period

Each refinery's FMP Annual Update will be made available for review and public comment. The public review and comment period for each facility's FMP Annual Update will be 30-days from the date the documents are posted on the Air District website.

#### How to Submit Comments

Comments can be submitted the following ways:

- Mail to BAAQMD–FMP Update Public Comment, 375 Beale Street, Suite 600, San Francisco, CA 94105
- Email to [compliance@baaqmd.gov](mailto:compliance@baaqmd.gov)

**Note: Be sure to identify which refinery, or refineries, your comment is applicable to.**

After consideration of public comments received, the Air District will evaluate each refinery's Flare Minimization Plan Annual Update to determine whether it meets the requirements of Regulation 12-12 and will take final action in accordance with the regulation.

For any additional information, please visit the Air District website at [www.baaqmd.gov](http://www.baaqmd.gov) or contact Chris Crowley, Principal Air Quality Specialist, at (415) 749-5118 or email [ccrowley@baaqmd.gov](mailto:ccrowley@baaqmd.gov).