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Compliance and Enforcement Division

INCIDENT REPORT

Chevron Richmond Refinery, Site # A0010
841 Chevron Way, Richmond, CA
May 27, 2021

On May 27, 2021, at approximately 6:15 pm, the Chevron Richmond Refinery (Chevron) experienced a process unit upset, which led to subsequent flaring activity. The flaring resulted in visible black smoke which could be seen by the surrounding community. At this time there is no known cause. Chevron and the Air District have initiated an investigation.

Air District staff was in contact with Chevron at 6:25 pm gathering information regarding the event and inspection staff was on scene at 7:00 pm to monitor the situation and patrol for any offsite impacts. The Air District inspectors received and investigated 10 complaints from the neighboring community during this incident.

Air District inspection staff is evaluating ground level and fence line monitor data. The wind direction during the time of the flaring was South-Southwest, with windspeeds from 10-15 mph.

Air District staff will continue to monitor the situation and investigate this incident to determine if any violations of Air District regulations occurred.