

Compliance and Enforcement Division

INCIDENT REPORT

PBF Energy Martinez Refining Company (MRC), Site # A0011 3485 Pacheco Blvd Martinez, CA January 31, 2023

On January 31, 2023, Martinez Refining Company (MRC) reported a Level 1 incident to the Contra Costa County Community Warning System (CWS). MRC reported a fire at one of their process units occurring at 12:00 pm. Air District staff arrived onsite shortly after receipt of the CWS notification and observed light grey smoke coming from the top of a process tower at MRC.



Air District staff responded to 4 total complaints from Martinez residents alleging fire/activity at MRC refinery. At the time of the incident, wind direction was NE at 0-4 mph. No elevated H2S or SO2 readings were detected on the refinery ground level monitors. Staff patrolled Downtown Martinez and MRCs fence line and smelled a faint burning fuel odor, likely from the fire. Contra Costa County Hazardous Materials (HazMat) staff was also onsite.

There have been no Notices of Violation issued at this time. However, Air District staff will remain onsite to respond to public complaints and continue its investigation of the event.