## California Interagency Refinery Task Force (IRTF)

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## Interagency Refinery Task Force Background



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#### Improving Public and Worker Safety at Oil Refineries

Report of the Interagency Working Group on Refinery Safety



California Environmental Protection Agency California Air Resources Board **Department of Toxic Substances Control** State Water Resources Control Board Department of Industrial Relations (CalOSHA) Governor's Office of Emergency Services California Department of Public Health California Emergency Medical Services Authority Office of the State Fire Marshal U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 9 Certified Unified Program Agencies with refineries Contra Costa County Environmental Health El Segundo Fire Kern County Environmental Health Los Angeles County Fire (Torrance Fire) City of Los Angeles Fire San Luis Obispo County Environmental Health Solano County Environmental Health Local Air Pollution Control Districts with refineries Bay Area Air Quality Management District San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District San Luis Obispo County Air Pollution Control District South Coast Air Quality Management District

## California Interagency Refinery Task Force

- 16 refineries, 14.5 billion gallons/yr
- 2012 Fire at Chevron Richmond
- 2015 explosion at ExxonMobil Torrance

Governor designates California Environmental
Protection Agency (CalEPA) to lead
Interagency Refinery Task Force

Emergency Preparedness and Response

Air Monitoring

Community Outreach

Safety and Prevention

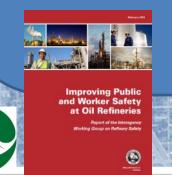
**Desired outcomes:** 

Refinery safety
Accident prevention
Hazard reduction

Implementation
Training,
Inspection, and
Enforcement
Coordination

#### **Refinery Safety and Prevention**

"...refineries are highly complex environments .... California refineries are aging; they are processing higher sulfur crude which increases corrosion; maintenance is often deferred; contractor training may not always be adequate; and regulatory agencies often do not have ready access to information they may need to assess safety. Ultimately, the goal is to incorporate principles of inherent safety more fully into the operations of California refineries; ...this is an ongoing process."



#### **Refinery Safety and Prevention**

Strengthen and align OSHA Process Safety Management (PSM) and CA Accidental Release Prevention Program (CalARP)

## ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW & EVALUATION



**INDUSTRIAL SAFETY ORDINANCE** 

**ISO REPORT** 



#### **Implementation**

Training,

Inspection, and Enforcement Coordination

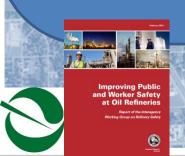
#### **Priority of Training for New Elements**

- 1 | Human Factors
- 2 Hierarchy of Hazard Controls
- 3 Incident Investigation/Root Cause Analysis
- 4 | Safeguard Protection Analysis
- **5** Process Safety Culture
- 6 Damage Mechanism Review
- 7 | Management of Organizational Change
- 8 Management Systems



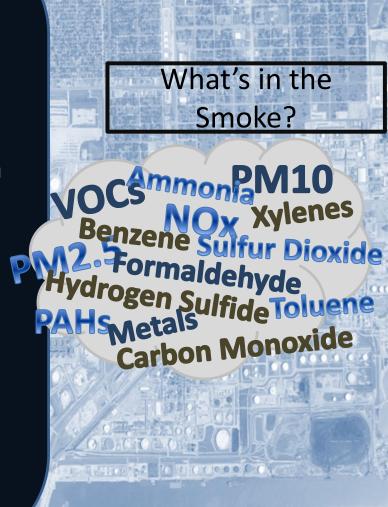
## Refinery Emergency Preparedness and Response

"The Chevron incident revealed shortcomings in the corporation's emergency response protocol, difficulties in coordination among emergency responders, and challenges in communicating with surrounding communities regarding health risks and appropriate actions..."



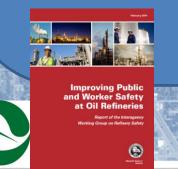
## Refinery Emergency Preparedness and Response

- Communication between Response Officials
  - Interoperability of radios
- Coordinating Command during any event
  - Use of Incident Command System
  - Joint Information Center
- Plans & Protocols to Protect Persons
   Outside of a Refinery
  - Outreach
  - Monitoring
  - Notification
- Drills and Exercises
- Coordination with the Air Quality Management Districts



## **Community Outreach and Involvement**

"Members of local communities and the public should have consistent, accessible, adequate and timely information about refinery emissions and safety risks, preventive measures, and emergency procedures. There should be an easy mechanism for community participation in emergency planning and preparedness."



## **Community Outreach and Involvement**

# To date over 15 Safety Forums/Days/Summits on various topics and at various venues

#### Intended to:

- Demystify the issues
- Depoliticize the discussion
- Provide and exchange information
- Break down the institutional and organizational barriers
- Encourage meaningful dialogue

## **Topics Included:**

- Proposed Regulations
- Air Monitoring
- EmergencyCommunity Warning
- Transportation of Petroleum

## **Intended Outcomes:**

- Improving refinery safety is a goal strongly shared by government, industry, workers, and communities.
- Refineries should have a culture that fosters inherent safety, including stronger accident prevention and hazard reduction measures.
- Government agencies can improve interagency coordination, emergency response procedures, and communication and outreach to the public.
- The Interagency Refinery Task Force will guide California efforts to help achieve the highest possible level of safety and prevention in the California refinery sector."

