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Three meetings in Contra Costa County

Air District Sets Community Meetings on Flare Monitoring Rule

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District (Air District) will hold three community meetings in Contra Costa County to discuss a proposed refinery flare monitoring rule and to answer questions from residents about flare monitoring at Contra Costa and Solano County refineries. The proposed rule would require refineries to monitor and report to the Air District the volume and composition of flare gases, to calculate the resulting emissions, to determine why the flaring occurred. The community meetings are scheduled for:

- **Monday, March 24th in Richmond from 6:30 to 8:30 PM at the City Council Chambers, 2600 Barrett Avenue,**
- **Thursday, March 27th in Martinez from 6:30 to 8:30 PM at the City Council Chambers, 525 Henrietta Street and**
- **Thursday, April 3rd in Rodeo from 6:30 to 8:30 PM at the Rodeo Senior Center, 189 Parker Avenue.**

The proposed flare monitoring rule will allow the Air District to include more accurate data on flares in its emissions inventory and to better develop strategies to meet federal and state air quality standards. It will also provide information that can lead to future reductions in flaring at the Bay Area's five oil refineries.

"Monitoring of flares is a first step in reducing emissions from these sources of air pollution," said William C. Norton, the Air District's Executive Officer. "Once we have good, reliable data we can look at possible ways to reducing flaring at refineries," Norton said.

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