



December 12, 2022

Thomas J. Nimbley
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
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Dear Mr. Nimbley:

We write regarding an apparent accident at your subsidiary's refinery in Martinez, California starting Thanksgiving Day. According to public reports and complaints filed with the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (AQMD), fallout and other airborne contaminants from the refinery fell on homes, businesses, and automobiles in the surrounding area. Representatives from the Martinez Refining Company collected samples, the results of which have been requested by the Bay Area AQMD.

Following these reports by concerned residents, investigators from the Bay Area AQMD were on site at the refinery within 48 hours. On November 26, representatives from your subsidiary informed Bay Area AQMD investigators that the refinery suffered a process unit upset resulting in opacity excess at the carbon monoxide boilers and a sulfur dioxide quantity required to be reported by law due to flaring on Thanksgiving Day.

While we await the results of a complete investigation, we are deeply concerned by the Martinez Refining Company's reported failure to notify the relevant public health and safety officials including Contra Costa Health Services and the Contra Costa County Community Warning System. Moreover, we are concerned that this failure to notify local officials in a timely manner may demonstrate a lack of preparedness at the Martinez Refining Company and standing plan for when things go wrong, not if.

We expect your subsidiary to cooperate fully with the Bay Area AQMD's ongoing investigation and any by other regulators. In addition, we request that you conduct a thorough internal investigation into this incident, specifically your company's policies for notifying local public health and safety officials of similar incidents in the future.

Thank you for your personal attention to this critical matter. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

JOHN GARAMENDI
Member of Congress

MARK DeSAULNIER
Member of Congress

MIKE THOMPSON
Member of Congress

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