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Interagency Refinery Task Force to Host Northern California Safety Forum

RICHMOND, Calif. – The California Interagency Refinery Task Force will host a Refinery Safety Forum meeting Dec. 11 in Richmond. This is the first of a series of forums to provide information and promote dialogue on worker and community safety.

The two hour forum offers an opportunity for the public to obtain facts and insight, ask questions, and discuss how refinery operations impact the community. Translators will be available to translate in Spanish and Lao.

When: Thursday, Dec. 11, 2014, 6-8 p.m.

Where: Richmond City Council Chambers
440 Civic Center Plaza, Richmond, CA 94804

Who: Participating organizations include local, state, and federal agencies; labor and contractor organizations; refineries; academia; and community and environmental groups.

Topics:

- Emergency Warning and Notification Systems
- Air Monitoring Systems
- Transportation of Petroleum by Rail and other means

More safety forums are being planned on related topics in Northern California and other areas of the state where refineries are located.

The [Interagency Refinery Task Force](#) works collaboratively to achieve the highest level of safety for refinery workers and local communities to prevent incidents, and prepare for and effectively respond to emergencies. Created by Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr., the Task Force includes ten state agencies, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and local agencies from areas of the state that contain refineries. It was formed after a fire at the Chevron refinery in Richmond in August 2012 raised public questions and concerns about refinery safety and emergency response in California.

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