



[SP Dems handwritten testimony submitted to the South Coast Air Quality Management District public hearing on Proposed Rule 1410, modified hydrofluoric acid (MHF) refinery process:]

February 1, 2019

Dr. William Burke, Chair
South Coast Air Quality Management District
21865 Copley Drive
Diamond Bar, CA

Subject: Public Comment Rule 1410 MHF – Support Phase-out Within Four Years

Dear Chairman Burke,

The San Pedro Democratic Club represents the Palos Verdes Peninsula, Torrance, Wilmington, Carson, San Pedro, and Long Beach. Our 121 members are directly affected by the Torrance and Wilmington refineries.

We urge the AQMD to phase out MHF within four years or sooner. Refinery safety is a concern for us all. Last week's MHF leak endangered workers and residents alike. We understand a transition away from MHF will not cause refinery closure; but will require retraining for the new jobs created to install and operate the new, safer equipment in use all other refineries in our state.

It is unconscionable that these two refineries are allowed to continue using the outdated MHF process that puts us all at risk. Please direct staff to phase it out within four years so we may all be safe.

Regards,

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