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A CBE News Advisory

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Chevron to be held accountable in community meeting for frequent flare pollution, failure to use clean up measures already used by another refinery

When: 6:00 p.m. Monday, April 30, 2007

Where: 403 Civic Center Plaza, Richmond; Richmond Auditorium, Bermuda Room

What: Community meeting on Chevron Flare Minimization Plan sponsored by the Bay Area Air Quality Management District. This is the first Air District-sponsored community meeting on Chevron's flaring since District board members said Chevron was not doing enough to meet a landmark 2005 rule that requires all feasible measures to prevent and minimize flaring.

Monday night, people living in the shadow of the Chevron Richmond refinery will demand that Chevron do what another Bay Area refinery is doing to prevent frequent flare pollution, at a community meeting to address Chevron's first Flare Minimization Plan under a landmark flare rule adopted in 2005.

The action follows an Air District meeting on April 16, 2007 in San Francisco, where District Board members told their staff that Chevron must do more to prevent flaring. At the April 16 meeting CBE presented new evidence that Chevron's flaring impacts local air quality more frequently than flaring by the region's other refiners because the company has failed to adopt feasible measures already used by another Bay Area refiner.

Advance material: CBE sent Chevron an open letter today asking the company to say, by noon Monday, whether it will agree to one of the measures used by the Shell Martinez plant to prevent flaring. ConocoPhillips agreed to this same measure on Monday, April 23, 2007. Contact Jennifer Bowen at the phones listed above for a copy of CBE's letter to Chevron.

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