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Re: An open letter to Chevron on one of the measures the Richmond Refinery should take to prevent flaring

Dear Mr. Anderson and Ms. Lizarraga:

The purpose of this letter is to ask that Chevron state publicly whether or not the Richmond Refinery will make an enforceable commitment to employ operating procedures that adjust process rates to prevent and minimize flaring whenever this is consistent with safe and reliable operation.

CBE identified this measure, among others, at the Bay Area Air Quality Management District meeting regarding flaring on April 16, 2007. The measure controls a refinery's processes in order to keep the amounts of gases it produces within the capacity of its gas handling equipment. Shell uses this measure, in concert with equipment measures that we also seek at Chevron and ConocoPhillips, to largely eliminate episodic flaring from dirtier-flaring process sources at its Martinez plant. ConocoPhillips made an enforceable commitment to apply this measure at its Rodeo plant during the April 23, 2007 community meeting on its flaring plan.

As you know, additional flaring prevention measures have been identified that Chevron could use together with this process rate adjustment measure. However, the community's time to discuss these interrelated measures during Chevron's flare plan meeting scheduled from 6-8 p.m. Monday April 30 will be limited. Accordingly, we respectfully seek your public response regarding this process rate adjustment measure in advance, by noon on Monday, April 30, 2007. To ensure timely communication of your response, please use each of our email and fax contacts below.

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