



Minutes

INDUSTRIAL SAFETY ORDINANCE/ COMMUNITY WARNING SYSTEM AD HOC COMMITTEE

March 14, 2025
9:00 AM

Meeting Minutes:

1. Roll Call and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 AM.

Committee Chair Supervisor John Gioia and Committee Vice-Chair Shanelle Scales-Preston were present.

2. Nicole Heath, the Director of Contra Costa Health Hazardous Materials Programs (CCH), provided updates on the 2023 Martinez Renewable Fuels (formerly Marathon) Fire and the third-party safety culture and management system evaluation ongoing at the site. The U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board (CSB) released their final report on this incident. CCH was asked to present the CSB recommendations at the next ISO/CWS Ad Hoc Committee meeting.

3. Nicole also provided updates on the 2022 PBF MRC Spent Catalyst Release and third-party evaluations, which included soil sampling, root cause analysis incident investigation, and safety culture assessment and management systems review. Nicole also provided an update on the 2025 PBF MRC Fire. She also discussed the regulatory activities being implemented in response to the PBF MRC fire, which included a safety inspection by CCH staff, and third-party root cause analysis incident investigation. CCH will maintain a presence at PBF MRC until the processes damaged in the fire are operational, which is expected to be in the fourth quarter 2025.

4. Public comments were received regarding the framework surrounding Contra Costa County's Community Warning System, specifically the meaning of each alert level and how these get modified. Additional comments were received regarding the status of PBF's MRC refinery and precautionary steps to be followed by Contra Costa Health in anticipation of restarting any of its processing units.

5. Contra Costa Health received direction from Supervisor Gioia to develop an oversight committee for PBF MRC to oversee the upcoming Safety Culture Assessment and Management Systems evaluation.

6. Contra Costa Health Hazardous Materials Programs will work with Supervisor Shanelle Scales-Preston to review the current PBF MRC oversight membership and reformat it to continue following up on the 2023 catalyst release and overseeing the 2025 fire incident.

7. The next meeting is to be established for some time in April.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 PM.

