

Report to the Richmond City Council and Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors
Joint Committee on the Industrial Safety Ordinance Revisions to Address the Chemical
Safety and Hazard Investigation Board's Recommendations

August 2, 2013

The Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board (CSB) issued their interim report on their investigation of the August 6, 2012 Chevron Richmond Refinery fire. The report had virtually the same recommendations to the County's Board of Supervisors and the Richmond City Council. On June 11, a joint committee of the Richmond City Council Members and the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors met and started addressing the CSB recommendations. Two actions from this meeting were to have the City of Richmond and Contra Costa Hazardous Materials staff develop a draft for revising the Industrial Safety Ordinance language to address the CSB recommendations and to establish a committee made up of representatives from the community, industry, United Steel Workers Union and the Building Trades Council, City of Richmond staff, and Contra Costa County Hazardous Materials staff. The purpose of this committee is to work with the City and the County in finalizing the revisions to the Industrial Safety Ordinance to be presented to the Richmond City Council and the Contra Costa County's Board of Supervisors for approval.

Contra Costa Hazardous Materials Programs and the City of Richmond staff have developed the first draft to revise the Industrial Safety Ordinance to address the CSB recommendations. This first draft was sent to the CSB on July 11 to make sure that the revisions were meeting the concerns and recommendations from the CSB's investigation.

The first meeting of the Industrial Safety Ordinance Revision Committee is scheduled for Monday, August 5, at 1:00 PM. The people who have agreed to participate in this committee include the following:

Community Representatives:

Greg Karras, Communities for a Better Environment
Howard Adams, Crockett Resident
Frank Gordan, Pittsburg Resident
Ralph Sattler, Martinez Resident
Henry Clark, West County Toxics
George Smith, Hazardous Materials Commission
Marilyn Langlois, Richmond Resident

Industry Representatives:

Sabiha Gokcen, Tesoro Golden Eagle Refinery
Eric Schneider, Air Products

Tom Brafford, General Chemical Richmond
Bradford Anderson, General Chemical Bay Point
Jared Wittry, Air Liquidé
Marj Leeds or Teresa Makarewicz, Shell Martinez Refinery
Larry Silva, Phillips 66 Rodeo Refinery

United Steel Works Local 5

Mike Smith
Jim Payne

City of Richmond Staff:

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Terry Harris
Michael Banks
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