

#### Chevron Richmond Refinery

was built in July 1902, and processed only 10,000 barrels a day of crude oil.

In 2002 the refinery celebrated its centennial and had six area business units with 30 operating plants, two cogen. plants, five boilers, and the ability to move 340,000 barrels a day of raw materials and finished products across its long wharf.

Today, the Refinery provides jobs for more than 1,800 people, and covers approximately 2,900 acres in the Richmond area.

The refinery is the largest oil refinery in the Bay Area and the primary business is to make transportation fuels from crude oil including gasoline, jet fuel, and diesel fuel. The refinery also produces lubricating oils and liquefied petroleum gas and several by products recovered from the crude oil including sulfur and anhydrous ammonia.

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## Hazardous Substances Stored or Produced Onsite and their Immediate Health Effects

- Flammable Gases: may be a mild irritant to throat, nose, and lungs. May cause discomfort to eyes.
- Hydrogen Sulfide: Colorless rotten egg smelling corrosive and toxic gas. May irritate nose, throat, and lungs. Causes headaches, dizziness, and difficulty in breathing.
- Anhydrous Ammonia: colorless, corrosive, irritating gas. Has a sharp suffocating odor. Inhalation can cause irritation in nose, throat, and lungs. May cause shortness of breath, headache, nausea, and vomiting.
- Sulfuric Acid: Colorless to brown in appearance. May cause digestive and respiratory tract burns and irritation.

#### **3-Year Accident History**

(Last updated March 2023) On February 09, 2021, Chevron had a Major Chemical Accident or Release (MCAR) when a pipe leak from the Wharf Area resulted in 18.1 barrels of hydrocarbon being spilled into the San Francisco Bay. The incident did not result in a shelter in place.

### Safety Features and Recent Improvements (Updated June 2022):

The Chevron Richmond Refinery follows internal refinery instructions for design consideration including inherent measures such as: upgrading piping to minimize corrosion. Additional improvement project incorporated risk reduction strategies such as: adding additional pressure relief devices and strengthening functions of safety systems

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#### Summary of Most Recent Audit (May 2022):

Chevron has developed policies and procedures as required by the California Accidental Release Prevention (CalARP) Program for refineries and the City of Richmond's Industrial Safety Ordinance. The prevention programs are generally complying with the requirements. Based on CCHSHMP observations, the facility needs to finalize improvements to the human factors process including training of those who will use the checklist. The checklist need to be updated and those updates need to be incorporated into the current practices. The facility also needs to improve the tracking of training done associated with changes. Action items need to be completed at the timelines set per regulations. Lastly the facility needs to ensure that contractor evaluations are expanded to review all relevant contractors and that the documentation shows clearly training reviewed.

#### For more information:

Copies of the latest audit findings, Risk Management Plan, and Safety Plan may be found in the following locations:

CCHS Hazardous Materials Office 4585 Pacheco Blvd., Suite 100 Martinez, CA 94553

Point Richmond Public Library 135 Washington Ave., Richmond, CA 94801

Richmond Public Library 325 Civic Center Plaza, Richmond, CA 94804

