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Martinez Refining Company (MRC) Penalty Highlights



Extensive Air Quality Violations

MRC failed to meet required air quality standards, including the Thanksgiving 2022 catalyst release.



Accountability during Shut-down & Start-up

MRC must keep abatement equipment operating during shut-down and start-up.



Community Benefits Reinvestment

Air District penalty funds will be invested to support projects that reduce air pollution and benefit communities impacted by refinery violations.



Strong Enforcement Partnership

Jointly secured this penalty, demonstrating coordinated oversight and accountability.



Penalty Serves as a Deterrent

\$10M penalty reinforces that violations have consequences, and that compliance is not optional.



Enhanced Monitoring

MRC is required to install enhanced emissions monitoring systems on various other pieces of equipment.

Penalty Amount	Penalty Summary
\$6.35M	Bay Area Air District will target penalty funds to Martinez and the surrounding areas that were impacted by the MRC Refinery violations. Additional portions of the penalty, consistent with Air District policy, will support regional community benefits across the Bay Area.
\$3.5M	Contra Costa County District Attorney Environmental Unit's enforcement efforts
\$100K	Contra Costa Health Services
\$50K	California Department of Fish and Wildlife
SUBTOTAL: \$10 million	
\$600K	Mitigation Payments
TOTAL: \$10.6 million	

