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Subject: Upcoming AQMD Friday meeting (BAN MHF)

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My family and I have owned a home in Torrance for over 25 years. We love living in the South Bay. Great schools, a diverse community, excellent weather, and a thriving local economy to mention a few things.

However, the past few years I have attended several local meetings including one where the South Coast Air Quality Management District representatives attended concerning the Torrance Refinery and the Valero Refining Company and the continued use of MHF during their refining process. I am outraged that this dangerous situation continues on so I am formally registering a complaint. I am not requesting that either Refineries be closed. Rather, I am requesting that the two refineries (Torrance and Valero) should be ordered to stop using MHF and move to a safer refining method as other Refineries throughout California have already done.

Things to consider:

1. The current news about the active earthquake fault (The Wilmington Fault). Having these refineries sitting on top of such a fault using such a dangerous chemical is ludicrous.

2. Various reports concerning the cyberterrorism threat to refineries. Refineries are an easy target for terrorist that would be devastating to the entire LA region if attacked.
3. The Memo by the County of Los Angeles Public Health "Proposed Rule 1410, Hydrogen Fluoride Storage and Use at Petroleum Refineries in LA County" (9/3/2019) Regarding unacceptable health and safety risks posed by MHF.

The researched and proven unacceptable health and safety hazards posed by modified hydrofluoric acid (MHF) at the two refineries in the Los Angeles area, Valero Refining Company and the Torrance Refining Company demands that the AQMD order the these two companies to stop the use of MHF.

Sincerely,

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