



Minutes

INDUSTRIAL SAFETY ORDINANCE/ COMMUNITY WARNING SYSTEM AD HOC COMMITTEE

April 20, 2023
9:00 AM

Meeting Minutes:

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Meeting called to order at 9:10 AM by Supervisor Gioia

2. Public Comment

Members of the public were given an opportunity to make comments on any item under the jurisdiction of the Committee that was not on the agenda. Speakers were limited to three minutes each. The committee received 1 comment related to accessibility of Zoom and requesting use of another service.

3. APPROVE minutes from February 21, 2023 ISO/CWS Ad Hoc Committee Meeting

Minutes from previous meeting (February 21, 2023) were approved by Supervisors Gioia and Glover.

Public comment: The committee received one (1) comment from the public on this item.

4. RECEIVE a status report regarding the independent incident investigation into the February 9, 2021 Wharf Oil Spill at the Chevron Richmond Refinery and PROVIDE direction as necessary.

Acutech (contractor to the County) stated that the draft report for the independent review of the incident investigation has been completed and is in the process of receiving comment from members of the Chevron Oversight Committee. The report was presented to the oversight committee on Friday, April 7, 2023. After comment has been received from the oversight committee and reviewed, the report will be made available for public comment.

Public comment: The committee did not receive comments from the public on this item.

5. RECEIVE an update and PROVIDE direction as necessary on the spent catalyst release that occurred on November 24-25, 2022 at the Martinez Refining Company.

- a. Presentation from the Bay Area Air Quality Management District regarding the plume model for deposition of the spent catalyst.

Dr. Phil Martien (Bay Area Air Quality Management District) presented on plume modeling from the November 24-25, 2022 spent catalyst release. The Air District developed a mapping of the plume to help identify areas to conduct initial soil sampling. Visual observations of spent-catalyst were reported west of the refinery, consistent with the wind measurements that were used for the modeling. The plume model map was included in the agenda packet for the meeting.

- b. Update from the Oversight Committee for the independent incident investigation and community exposure/risk assessment.

Nicole Heath (Contra Costa Health Hazardous Materials Director/Chair of the MRC Oversight Committee) provided update on the independent incident investigation and community risk assessment.

Supervisors Gioia and Glover requested that Contra Costa Health provide additional information on their website regarding the Martinez Refining Company's claim process for public claims associated with the November 24-25, 2022 release.

Public Comment: The committee received 15 comments on this item from the public.

The next meeting of the MRC Oversight Committee for the risk assessment will take place on April 27, 2023 at 1:00 PM.

6. RECEIVE a report regarding proposed changes to the Contra Costa County Hazardous Materials Incident Notification Policy and PROVIDE direction as necessary.

Nicole Heath (Director of Hazardous Materials Programs) described the Hazardous Materials Incident Notification Policy and Community Warning System. Contra Costa Health is proposing a change to level 2 notifications. Contra Costa Health is seeking approval to allow text message/phone notifications/emails to community for level 2 incidents. The community may sign up for alerts at cwsalerts.com

Public Comment: The committee received 3 comments from the public on this item.

Supervisor Gioia and Glover directed Contra Costa Health staff to bring back a proposal to this committee for developing a plan to alert the public on certain Level 1 incidents. Contra Costa Health will develop a plan for this request and present it at the next ISO/CWS Ad Hoc Committee meeting.

7. DISCUSS future items for the next ISO/CWS Ad Hoc Committee meeting tentatively scheduled for June 15, 2023 at 10:00 AM.

Items to be included on the next agenda are: Chevron Oversight Committee Update, MRC Oversight Committee Update, ISO Bulk Storage Applicability Update, and potential modifications to the CWS Level 1 public notifications.

The meeting was adjourned by Supervisor Gioia at 11:26 AM.