



# South Coast Air Quality Management District

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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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### **SCAQMD Governing Board Chairman William Burke, Ed.D.** **to Chair Hearing on Torrance Refining Co.**

#### **WHAT:**

Due to repeated breakdowns and associated flaring, a recent fire and other operational problems, the South Coast Air Quality Management District's Governing Board Refinery Committee will conduct an investigative hearing on air quality impacts from the Torrance refinery.

**WHEN:** 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Saturday, April 1

**WHERE:** Torrance Marriott Redondo Beach  
3635 Fashion Way  
Torrance, CA 90503  
*Complimentary self-parking in the hotel structure*

#### **BACKGROUND:**

The hearing will include remarks from elected officials; speakers from federal, state, and local agencies; Torrance refinery representatives; and members of local community groups. The event will also include an opportunity for public comment in the afternoon.

On Feb. 18, the Torrance Refining Co. facility at 3700 W. 190th St. experienced a fire in a crude oil unit. Last year, the Torrance refinery flared on numerous occasions including three incidents that resulted from a loss of power.

On Feb. 16, the Torrance refinery agreed to an administrative order by the SCAQMD Hearing Board requiring the facility to improve power reliability and reduce air pollution from power-related flaring incidents. While the refinery must meet specific milestones and deadlines under the order, the overall effort will take several years to complete.