

March 17, 2018

Governing Board and Chairman Willian A. Burke  
South Coast Air Quality Management District  
21865 Copley Drive  
Diamond Bar, CA 91765


Dear Board Members and Chairmen Burke,

Enclosed are nearly 12,000 signatures on petitions of people who are asking you to ban MHF at the Torrance Refinery and the Wilmington Valero Refinery. We are the citizens who live or work in the area or have loved ones that do. We know that your job is to keep the people of Southern California safe and we know that we will never be secure with 100,000 lbs of one of industry's most toxic chemical in our neighborhood. Earthquakes, accidents and terrorism make us vulnerable every day. PLEASE use your authority to keep us safe.

Sincerely,



Sandra Viera  
Torrance Refinery Action Alliance

	<b>Petition to end hydrofluoric acid alkylation (HF/MHF) at Torrance Refining Company &amp; Wilmington Valero refineries</b>
<b>Petition summary and background</b>	Over a million residents of the Greater South Bay are at constant risk of death or serious irreversible health effects from an accidental release of modified hydrofluoric acid (MIIF). Safe technology alternatives exist: sulfuric acid alkylation, ionic alkylation, and solid acid catalyst. For Info – <a href="http://TRAASouthBay.com">TRAASouthBay.com</a>
<b>Action petitioned for</b>	We, the undersigned, urge our leaders to act now to ban hydrofluoric acid alkylation, including modified hydrofluoric acid, at the last two CA refineries using it. We support an AQMD rule or legislative bill that replaces MHF alkylation with a safe alternative within 4 years of rule adoption or bill passage.

Due to the large number of signatures, the file is too big to post online. If interested in the list of names, please contact Cristina Lopez at [Clopez@aqmd.gov](mailto:Clopez@aqmd.gov) or at (909) 396-2114