

From: ReyYslas [info@sustainableeconomy.energy]
Sent: Sunday, January 14, 2018 9:31 AM
To: info@sustainableeconomy.energy
Subject: Message to the SCAQMD Opposing Any Ban or Phase-out of MHF

Hello,

My name is Rey Yslas and I am 12 years old. I do not believe you should ban the acid because I know that the refineries that use it are very safe. My mom, dad, step-dad, grandpa, and two of my uncles all work in refineries and I've learned a lot about safety from them. My mom, step-dad, and uncle work in the refinery units. My dad is an electrician, my grandpa is a safety representative, and my uncle works on fixing stuff that brakes. My moms refinery had a family day where they let us tour the inside of the refinery in a bus. My sister and I were very excited. We got to see a lot of cool things and even got to go in one of their fire trucks! Did you know that refineries have their own fire departments? I have learned a lot about what refineries do and how safe they try to be. I don't understand why some people don't like refineries or don't think they are safe.

My family member do a lot a safety training and one my uncles even goes to firefighter training. My mom always tells us that they want to walk of work the same way they walked in and that they try very hard to be good neighbors and good to mother nature. Did you know that refineries are open 24 hours a day every day. Refineries never close. My family works really hard day and night to keep everyone safe! My mom's refinery even has a home safety calendar contest that kids can enter. We have to draw pictures about how to be safe and what safety means to us and if you win your picture makes it to a calendar. Please think about all the safe things my family does for everyone and don't take away the acid.

If you decide to ban the acid then not only will my wholes family's life change forever because they would all loose their job. I also think that it would be bad everyone else in the comunity. My moms refinery makes gas for everyone's car, diesel for the big trucks, gas for air planes, and propane for peoples barbeques. I know some people don't know all the things refineries make because one time when we were on a field trip my mom asked one of my classmate's dad where he worked and he said he worked for a contrack company that does work for another environmental company. He asked my mom where she worked and when she said a refinery he was rude to her. I got very upset but my mom said it was ok because we know the truth about refineries and he doesn't. I wonderd why he even rode on our school bus that uses diesel and why he drives his old car that uses gasoline. I then thought it was funny because he got mad at my mom for working in a refinery but still uses all the stuff she makes. Please think about all the things refineries make and help make and how many people including kids are going to be very sad.

Thank you for reading my letter,

Rey Yslas

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From: AneliseMaldonado [info@sustainableeconomy.energy]
Sent: Thursday, January 18, 2018 2:23 PM
To: info@sustainableeconomy.energy
Subject: Message to the SCAQMD Opposing Any Ban or Phase-out of MHF

Dear Chairman Burke and Refinery Committee Chairman Parker:

I am writing in regards to the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) Refinery Committee meeting on January 20, 2018 about Proposed Rule (PR) 1410 and the possible ban or phase-out of Modified Hydrofluoric Acid (MHF).

I oppose banning or phasing-out Modified Hydrofluoric Acid (MHF) and encourage you to continue allowing its use. My mom has worked in the refinery for twelve years and loves her job. She always talks about how safe it is and has even take me and my brother to the refinery for events. She would never do that if it wasn't safe. I used to go to the daycare right by her job when I was younger. Safety is priority for everyone working there so that they can go home safe to their families and keep the community residents safe too. Thousands of people would be affected if there was a ban on MHF. Families and local businesses and shops would be left without income and it would send them into a downward spiral affecting us kids the most.

Please take the time to research all the facts and not just listen to opinions when making your decision.

Oil production and refining have been key components of California's economy for generations and remain important economic engines for the state, literally helping to power our high quality, mobile way of life.

According to the California Energy Commission, banning MHF could cause two Southern California refineries to cease operations—if this were to happen, the state would probably lose thousands of jobs, and it could cause higher gasoline prices at the pump for California residents, businesses, and government.

I understand that HF has been in use for over 250 years and many other industries also use this chemical to make common consumer products such as computers, cell phones, and pharmaceuticals. There are 89 U.S. refineries with alkylation units and of those, fifty use HF or MHF. Both California refineries use the modified version of HF (MHF).

California's refineries adhere to the strictest regulations in the world, including safety measures that protect their workers and communities that surround them. PR 1410 should focus on enhancing these measures, while ensuring California refineries are able to remain in business to produce the fuels we need to sustain our economy and way of life.

Banning MHF is unnecessary and is the wrong approach to refinery safety. I respectfully urge you and the other SCAQMD Governing Board Members to oppose any such ban or phase-out.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Anelise M.

Anelise Maldonado

From: JohnHanna [info@sustainableeconomy.energy]
Sent: Friday, January 19, 2018 1:05 PM
To: info@sustainableeconomy.energy
Subject: Message to the SCAQMD Opposing Any Ban or Phase-out of MHF

Dear Chairman Burke and Refinery Committee Chairman Parker:

I am writing in regards to the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) Refinery Committee meeting on January 20, 2018 about Proposed Rule (PR) 1410 and the possible ban or phase-out of Modified Hydrofluoric Acid (MHF).

The Southwest Regional Council of Carpenters opposes banning or phasing-out Modified Hydrofluoric Acid (MHF) and encourages you to continue allowing its use.

Oil production and refining have been key components of California's economy for generations and remain important economic engines for the state, literally helping to power our high quality, mobile way of life. We feel the driving force behind the effort to ban MHF are people and organizations who want to close down the Torrance and other California refineries and are using this issue to further their agenda.

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business to produce the fuels we need to sustain our economy and way of life. The Southwest Carpenters are always concerned about workplace safety but we feel existing safety standards are appropriate and are adhered to in practice.

Banning MHF is unnecessary and is the wrong approach to refinery safety. I respectfully urge you and the other SCAQMD Governing Board Members to oppose any such ban or phase-out.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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From: RoyNitzschner [info@sustainableeconomy.energy]
Sent: Friday, January 19, 2018 1:23 PM
To: info@sustainableeconomy.energy
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I live in Downtown Torrance's Historic District and have so for the past 20 years. My family and I enjoy the many benefits of living in a fine city like Torrance. My children attend the Torrance schools, our fire and police services are excellent, etc. and feel that the refinery has planned an important part in improving the lives of the Torrance residents because of the revenue, jobs and energy it provides to the city. I respect the opinion of those opposed to the refinery and Modified Hydrofluoric Acid (MHF) and fully support the democratic process. As such, I don't think they represent the majority in the community and think it important for you to know that I oppose banning or phasing-out MHF and encourage you to continue allowing its use. I believe the benefits associated with the Torrance refinery far out way the risks associated with this common refinery use of MHF.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Roy Nitzschner

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