# Public Workshop for Petroleum Refinery Community Air Monitoring

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## **Purpose of Workshop**

- Share initial concepts on new community air monitoring for two refineries due to recent amendments to District Rules 4460/3200
- Provide overview of petroleum refining in the Valley
- Provide overview of Assembly Bill (AB) 1647 requirements and recently amended District Rules 4460/3200
- Receive recommendations from community and other stakeholders on locations for community air monitoring

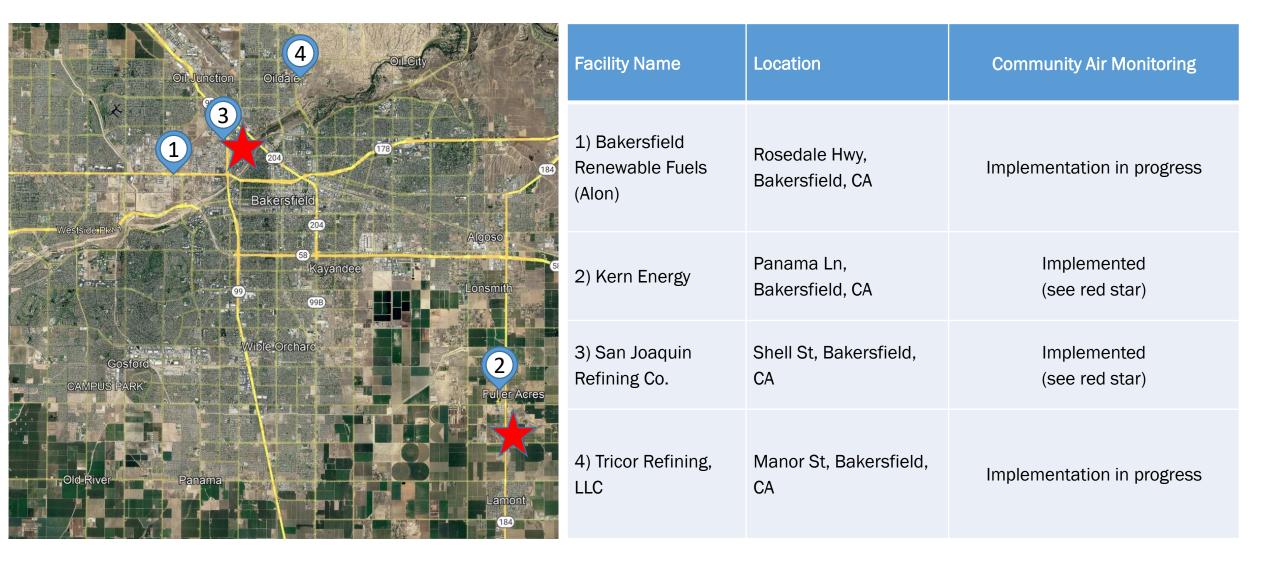


# **Petroleum Refinery Industry**

- Petroleum refinery facilities conduct a number of processes, including:
  - -Fractionation or distillation of crude oils
  - -Redistillation of unfinished petroleum derivatives
  - -Cracking
- Refinery processes result in a variety of products, including:
  - -Gasoline, naphtha, and kerosene
  - -Distillate and residual fuel oils
  - -Lubricants



### **San Joaquin Valley Refineries**





## Assembly Bill (AB) 1647

- As part of Assemblymember Muratsuchi's bill package, AB 1647 approved by the Governor of California on October 8, 2017
- AB 1647 requires:
  - Petroleum refineries develop, install, operate and maintain a fence-line air monitoring system at and near refineries in accordance to guidance developed by CARB and local air district
  - Air districts design, develop, install, operate and maintain a refineryrelated community air monitoring system
  - Real-time data be made accessible to the public



## **District Rule Development**

- In response to AB 1647, District Rule 4460 (Petroleum Refinery Fence-line Air Monitoring) and Rule 3200 (Petroleum Refinery Community Air Monitoring Fees) developed through public process and adopted on December 19, 2019
  - Rule 4460 requires fence-line air monitoring systems at Valley petroleum operations that were actively refining crude oil
  - Rule 3200 establishes fee structure to fund District community air monitoring operations near petroleum refineries
- Rules 4460/3200 amendments on October 20, 2022 included new definition of petroleum refinery, among other updates
  - Amended rules now apply to Bakersfield Renewable Fuels (Alon) and Tricor Refining, LLC



# **Petroleum Refinery Community Air Monitoring**

- In addition to fence-line air monitoring, AB 1647 requires air districts to design, develop, install, operate and maintain a refineryrelated community air monitoring system
  - District currently monitors sulfur dioxide, hydrogen sulfide, and BTEX compounds (benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, and xylene) at refinery community air monitoring sites
  - Collected data made available in real-time data
  - –Already implemented for Kern Energy and San Joaquin Refining



Image courtesy of Recordum, 2019



### **Considerations for Community Air Monitoring**

- Number of factors to be taken into consideration when planning for placement of air monitoring equipment
  - Permission of land-owner to place equipment on property
  - Establishment of lease agreements with property owner
  - Security of the location to protect equipment
  - Access to power source to operate equipment
  - Proper monitoring siting (no obstructions, mindful of influence from other local sources of pollution)
  - Downwind/nearby applicable refinery and near populated area
- These factors frequently impact the ability to find a suitable community monitoring location
- These factors should be kept in mind when making recommendations for monitoring location

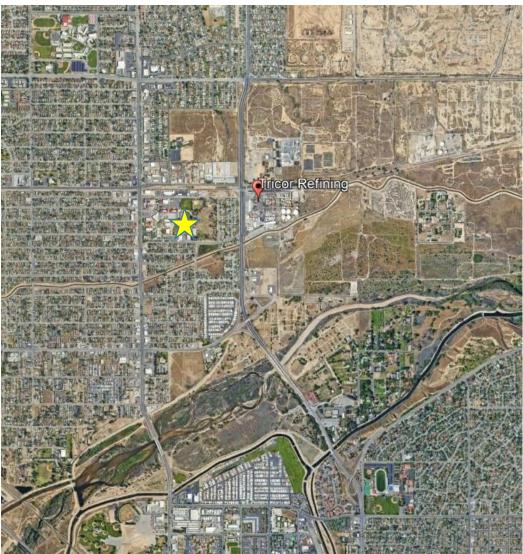




### Potential Air Monitoring Location Tricor Refining LLC

#### School:

- Near sensitive receptors
- Access to power
- Secure location for air monitoring equipment







#### Potential Air Monitoring Location Bakersfield Renewable Fuels (Alon)

#### Park:

- Downwind of refinery
- Upwind of nearby community
- Access to power
- Secure location for air monitoring equipment

#### NOTE:

- Application to impose facility condition to prevent petroleum refining and associated activities submitted to District
- Upon full issuance of new permits, facility will no longer be subject to District Rules 4460/3200
- District continue to evaluate potential implementation of community monitor





#### Next Steps: Public Engagement Process for Petroleum Refinery Community Air Monitoring

Public Workshop (Today)

8/22/23

**Public Comments Due** 

9/22/23

District Develops Community Air Monitoring Plan (with public feedback)

Fall 2023/Winter 2023

District Develops Community Air Monitoring Systems

Fall 2023 to Spring 2024

District Begins Community Air Monitoring (anticipated)

Spring 2024

Public Participation and Comment Invited throughout Process



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### **Questions/Comments**

