

Governing Board Chairman William A. Burke  
South Coast Air Quality Management District  
21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA [91765](#)

CC: SCAQMD Governing Board Members  
Re: SUPPORT for the elimination of MHF and HF alkylation within four years of PR 1410 adoption

Dear Chairman Burke:

I am a physician practicing in Torrance for 32 years. I am on active staff at Little Company of Mary Hospital and Torrance Memorial Hospital. I have spoken with the doctors in charge of disaster preparedness for both hospital about what would happen when one of the 2 local refineries that use HF releases HF. We all know there is no way to take care of such a tragedy and know that we must prevent this from ever happening. We know accidents do happen and that we live with the threat of earthquakes. We must get rid of HF before we have a major disaster. The Torrance refinery has had numerous explosions and fires and Valero has had measurable HF releases. I don't get it. Why are we risking millions of lives and risking our economy and property values?

I am writing to convey my support for a *Proposed Rule 1410 that replaces hydrofluoric acid (HF) and modified HF (MHF) alkylation with a safe alternative within four years of rule adoption*. The initial rule concept presented by the SCAQMD on 1/20/2018 is not acceptable. HF mitigation systems are *inadequate protection* for our densely populated area.

When I talk with others about this issue they are surprised to learn that the refineries could have MHF and HF. This is not disclosed to the public. Unanimously they all want the HF and MHF removed as soon as possible.

Please protect my life, my community and my patients' lives by eliminating the MHF and HF within 4 years.

Thank you very much,  
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