

ISO Town Hall Discussion Panel Tonight

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The city of Benicia is the only refinery town in the Bay Area not protected by an Industrial Safety Ordinance. In Contra Costa County, the Hazardous Materials Division of the Health Department is responsible for enforcing an ISO that governs the three refineries in the county's unincorporated areas – Shell, Tesoro and Phillips 66. The city of Richmond has an ordinance that mirrors the County's and contracts with Contra Costa County for enforcement activities concerning facilities that include the Chevron refinery. Tonight at the Benicia Public Library, 7 p.m. in the Dona Benicia Room, you can learn from a panel of Contra Costa County officials and other experts from Cal EPA and Cal OSHA how a local ISO and state regulations already work together in Contra Costa County and the City of Richmond, and also discover why and how the community of Benicia can be better protected by an ISO implemented by the city. I hope to see you at the Town Hall tonight.

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