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EPA does not solely rely upon the BAAQMD investigation results to determine whether a 112(r) enforcement case is necessary. We would evaluate the information independent of the State and determine whether an enforcement case is necessary. We have already started our investigation which is enforcement confidential.

***Question 1*: What is EPA's role in Accident Prevention at the Chevron Refinery?**

***Answer 1*: The facility is required by federal and state law to design and maintain a safe facility and to take necessary steps to prevent releases and to minimize the consequences of accidental releases.**

Federal and state law also require the facility to have a Risk Management Plan (RMP).

Because accidents at refineries can have large consequences, EPA policy calls for inspection of refineries at least once every three years. Region IX usually inspects refineries even more frequently. EPA's Emergency Prevention and Preparedness Program last inspected Chevron's Richmond Refinery in December, 2010. Based on observations at that time, no RMP violations were identified.

EPA also reviews annual inspection reports from the Contra Costa County agency that oversees the California Accidental Release Prevention Program (Cal ARP).

These inspections enabled EPA to determine that Chevron has developed plans and procedures as required by law.
EPA is investigating whether Chevron followed its accident prevention procedures prior to the incident on August 6, and EPA is also investigating whether Chevron followed its emergency response plan during and following the incident.

Question 2 **: What is EPA's role in responding to the incident at the Chevron Refinery?**

Answer 2**: The lead response agencies for this release are state and local first responders. EPA sent two on-scene coordinators to offer technical assistance and additional resources, if needed. EPA staff arrived at approximately 8:00 pm Pacific Time on August 6 and were briefed by the Chevron emergency response personnel. The OSCs also coordinated with Bay Area Air Quality Management District, United States Coast Guard, the Richmond Fire Department and the Contra Costa Health Department.**

EPA confirmed that the local agencies had the resources necessary to respond to the incident, and that air sampling and monitoring had been done. EPA will review the results from the analysis of this sampling and determine next steps.

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