



# THE TORRANCE REFINERY HAS BEEN USING MHF SAFELY

## AND WITHOUT OFFSITE IMPACT FOR MORE THAN 20 YEARS.

WE DON'T NEED TO CREATE NEW PROBLEMS BY BANNING IT.

According to a report by the California Energy Commission, if the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) bans the use of modified hydrofluoric acid, or MHF, two Southern California oil refineries will close, thousands will lose their jobs, and gas prices will skyrocket.

These refineries cannot continue to operate without alkylation, and the proposed ban does not allow sufficient time for an alternative process to be permitted or built.

PBF Energy's Torrance and Valero's Wilmington oil refineries together directly employ about 1,000 highly skilled workers. Closing the refineries could cost up to 9,000 more jobs regionally.

During a temporary outage at the Torrance refinery in 2015, gasoline prices averaged 26 cents per gallon higher than normal for 17 months.

Permanent loss of that capacity – plus Wilmington – would cost motorists and businesses billions of dollars.

Diesel and jet fuel prices would spike as well, and without existing capacity to replace that of the lost refineries, consumers throughout the State and the Southwest would feel the impact.

Refinery workers and our local first responders are already trained to handle MHF related incidents and any emergency situation.

## IT'S TIME TO RETHINK THE MHF BAN.

WE CAN'T AFFORD TO LOSE THOUSANDS OF GOOD JOBS  
OR SUSTAIN A DRAMATIC INCREASE IN GAS PRICES.



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