

Few people know that the Bay Area is the second largest refinery location west of the Mississippi river. Spewing more deadly particulates and climate-disrupting greenhouse gases than any other industry here, oil refining is the biggest industrial air polluter in the Bay Area.

But none of the five refineries here have any overall emission limit that applies to the whole refinery. This means that unless we act now, their air pollution is going to get worse. With projects already approved or in the pipeline, refineries are building the capability to process even dirtier grades of oil, like tar sands oil that they plan to get by bringing dangerous oil trains through our communities.

Limits that “cap” refinery emissions are essential to stop them from polluting us more, stop them from refining dirtier oil, and stop them from using dangerous oil trains to get that oil.

Working together, we can protect our health, safety and climate by making sure that our Air District sets limits to cap refinery-wide emissions now. We need to build a future with cleaner air and a healthier climate. Join us [[name event*](#)].

* Immediate events to link to this message include:

- Our 18 May 2016 Forum at St. Marks (immediate priority)
- 18 May AQMD Board Meeting (in am; not a mobilization)
- 1 June AQMD SSC Meeting (priority mobilization)
- 15 June AQMD SSC Meeting
- Advocacy meetings with Board members (priority)
- Advocacy actions with cities, school districts, etc.
- More...