



ATTENTION SOUTH BAY RESIDENTS

As you know, last year there was a very dangerous explosion at the ExxonMobil Refinery in Torrance. “It was a near miss,” said the Chemical Safety Board, in which **lethal amounts of modified hydrofluoric acid (MHF)** could have been released into the air in Torrance. There was enough MHF in a tank that was nearly hit by flying debris to form a HF cloud reaching LA.

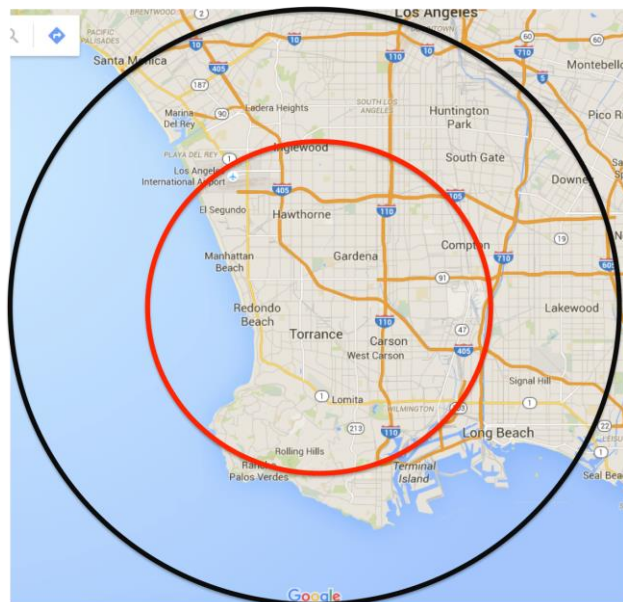
The refinery is now applying for a permit to start its operations again, after repairs have been made, but **there are still serious risks from MHF!**

Furthermore, ExxonMobil is asking to proceed with the start up process without any pollution control for more than a month! Pollution control is a mandated process the plant normally has to abide by.

Please come to the Air Quality Management District (AQMD) Public Hearing on the ExxonMobil startup this **Saturday, April 2 at 9:00 AM at the Torrance City Hall, Council Chambers, 3031 Torrance Blvd, Torrance, CA 90503** to listen to the speakers and to voice your opinions. Our health will be at risk from excess emissions during startup, and another explosion could happen again with similar danger unless we demand that the plant operate without dangerous MHF. All but two refinery alkylation units in California use sulfuric acid, which is far safer. The Torrance refinery must be made to switch.

We need your presence at this meeting! Please come.

For more information visit: <https://safetorrancerefinery.wordpress.com>



Scenario map: release of 50,000 lb. MHF.
Red zone: death; Black: serious/irreversible injury