



April 8, 2009

To Our Neighbors:

As part of facility operation, it is a normal and necessary practice to shut down operating units at preplanned intervals to perform maintenance on the system and equipment. This planned shutdown is called a maintenance turnaround. Maintenance turnarounds often require additional contractors and increased activity.

On April 16, 2009, Chevron Phillips Chemical Company LP's (Chevron Phillips Chemical) Sweeny location will begin shutdown procedures on one of the units for a planned maintenance turnaround.

What does this mean to you?

First, we want to assure you that we will do everything possible to minimize inconvenience to you, our neighbor. However, we do want to let you know what to anticipate: The outage is scheduled to last approximately 23 days. One activity you will notice is our flare system. Flare systems are used to safely shut down and start up a unit. The flare will be utilized for this turnaround and there will be intermittent periods of noise and a visible flame. It is possible that, at times, the noise could last for several hours. During shutdown/startup, continuous flaring could be observed for 24 hours or longer and flaring could occur intermittently over several days.

You may also notice an increase in plant personnel traffic. This turnaround will include a contract work force which peaks at approximately 250 persons per shift. During shift changes (5:30 a.m. – 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.), traffic will be heavy coming into and leaving plant parking lots. To minimize this disruption as much as possible, police officers will direct traffic during these times.

The unit start up is scheduled between May 7 - 9. At that time, the flare system will again be utilized and once again there will be a visible flame and some noise. We will communicate any updates to you in the event that this timing changes. Again, every effort will be made to minimize the impact of these activities.

If you have any questions, please call the CAER hotline at (979) 491-2237 from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. After these hours, or on weekends, please call our Main Gate at (979) 491-2200.

As our neighbor, we want to keep you informed. Thank you in advance for your support and understanding.

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