



Level 1 Notification

February 18, 2023

NOTIFICATION OF ODOR:

***Information Only**

This morning, we received a few complaints about intermittent odor continuing in the Hillcrest neighborhood area. Benicia firefighters were again dispatched to test various spots in the area with high quality portable air monitors. The air monitor readings are undetectable. Valero Benicia Refinery and Solano County Environmental Health staff are also using high quality air monitors in the area and those results are undetectable. Benicia Fire Department is in continuous communication with Solano County Public Health. We have also notified the Bay Area Air Quality Management District of the odor and they are aware.

At this time, we do not know the source of the odor. We are actively attempting to determine the source of the odor. The City of Benicia recognizes that residents are very concerned and we take the odor investigation seriously. If we are able to determine the source, we will update the community as soon as possible.

Background: Yesterday, there was odor in the area of the Hillcrest neighborhood. Benicia Fire Department staff used high quality portable air monitors at various locations around the city. Air monitor readings near Robert Semple Elementary School were all below actionable limits but readings near Hillcrest and Park Road were detectable. Out of an abundance of caution, residents in the Hillcrest neighborhood were advised of the situation and instructed to remain indoors and shut doors and windows if they smelled any odor. By 3pm, the odor had dissipated and the voluntary shelter in place order was lifted.

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