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Advisory Lifted - Valero Benicia Refinery Emissions

Benicia, CA (March 24, 2019) – Due to improving conditions, at approximately 12:30 p.m. Sunday, March, 24, 2019, the City of Benicia lifted the advisory notice for all residents with respiratory issues that was in effect since 6:59 a.m. this morning. This advisory was due to particulate matter from an ongoing incident at the Valero Benicia Refinery. Air conditions are currently all within normal limits.

The refinery has begun the process of a controlled shut down. Flaring is a normal part of the shut down process and may be visible over the next few days. The visible impacts are due to shut down operations and minimize the risk of worsening conditions.

Benicia Fire Department and City of Benicia staff will continue to monitor the situation at all times and issue alerts, if needed. Sign up at www.AlertSolano.com to receive alerts to your home phone, cell and email.

We recommend that you continue to follow the City of Benicia on Nextdoor.com, Facebook, [Twitter](https://twitter.com) or our website (ci.benicia.ca.us) for routine updates. We are asking the public only to call 9-1-1 in an emergency.

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