

PRESS RELEASE
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**Press Conference: Valero Incident
City of Benicia**

Benicia, CA (May 5, 2017): At approximately 6:45 this morning, Valero Benicia Refinery lost power resulting in flaring, releasing large plume of smoke. There are strong westerly winds moving the smoke east. Power has been resorted and they are working to alleviate the problem.

The Benicia Industrial Park has been evacuated. Evacuees may go to the Benicia Community Center at 370 East L Street, if needed. Entrances into the Industrial Park have been closed including off-ramps from I-680.

As of 11:30 AM, there is a Shelter in Place for Matthew Turner and Robert Semple Elementary Schools. There are no Shelter in Place or evacuation restrictions for residents outside of the Benicia Industrial Park. Residents may choose to close doors and windows.

Contact for PG&E is Diane Contreras at 707.477.4397.

Make sure you are signed up for Alert Benicia at www.AlertBenicia.org to receive emergency/disaster communications from the City of Benicia, including police and fire, and follow #Valeroincident on social media.

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