



## City of Manhattan Beach

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March 22, 2018

Dr. William A. Burke, Chairman  
Members of the Governing Board  
South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD)  
21865 Copley Drive  
Diamond Bar, CA 91765

**RE: PR 1410 – SUPPORT Prohibition of MHF in a Phased-Out Conversion within a Maximum 4-Year Timeframe**

Dear Governing Board,

The City of Manhattan Beach supports prohibiting the use of Modified Hydrofluoric Acid (MHF) in a phased-out conversion within a maximum 4-year timeframe. The support follows a unanimous vote by the Manhattan Beach City Council at its March 20, 2018 meeting.

The City of Manhattan Beach joins with the neighboring City of Hermosa Beach, City of Redondo Beach, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, local organizations and residents to urge the South Coast Air Quality Management District Board and Staff to adopt a Rule replacing hydrofluoric acid (HF) and Modified HF (MHF) alkylation with a safe alternative within four years of rule adoption. HF is hazardous and poses an extreme danger to our local communities; no mitigation can provide adequate protection for our densely populated region.

According to the US Chemical Safety Board, our community narrowly missed a catastrophic MHF release during the 2015 ExxonMobil explosion. Manhattan Beach residents, workers, and visitors are at constant risk of a MHF release from the Torrance Refinery, just 2.5 miles from city limits. It is unacceptable to risk a disaster of catastrophic proportions in the South Bay.

Sincerely,

Amy Howorth, Mayor  
City of Manhattan Beach