APPENDIX G

REFINERY ACTIVITIES INVOLVING LOCAL COMMUNITIES

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A. Refinery Community Efforts

Refineries provide many types of support within the communities where they do business. In the Bay Area, refineries have contributed over $10 million to local community programs and public service projects since 1994. In addition, refineries' provide financial and in-kind resources to support a variety of community programs, including:

- Youth summer job programs;
- Internships;
- Health and science fairs;
- Community recycling programs;
- Education programs and free curriculum materials;
- Scholarships;
- Teacher training;
- Environmental conservation programs, and;
- Crime prevention and public safety programs.

Additional information regarding contributions of individual refineries can be found in company annual reports, and is often posted on their web sites.

1. Contributions

The list of recipients of contributions from California's refineries is extensive. Survey results indicate that the refineries that responded to the survey contribute to a large number of local charities, organizations, and associations. Many of the refineries focus on providing money to local schools, educational activities and organizations and programs that promote and provide civic and cultural services within the local community. Some of these organizations include the YMCA, local Boys and Girls Clubs, the United Way, local Little League programs, and community foundations for civic improvement.

Some examples of refinery contributions to local communities include support to organizations like the Richmond Police Activities League (PAL) and other nonprofit organizations in the amount of $1 million annually. Contributions are made annually to the United Way in the amount of $1 million. John Swett High School is the recipient of $100,000 annually and another $100,000 is contributed annually to the Rodeo Municipal Advisory committee and the Crockett Community Foundation. The Wilmington YMCA received $50,000 from refineries to assist in it's construction. These are just a few of

the examples of the responses from our survey. There are a number of other organizations that have received monies from refinery outreach efforts.

2. Scholarships and Internships

Refineries throughout the state have provided a number of scholarships that are made available to local high school students and adults continuing their education. Many refineries contribute to programs including "Adopt-a-School" in which money is allocated to a school for scholarships and other educational opportunities. Other programs recognize teachers and provide them with awards and money to supplement the needs of their students. These funds help the teachers to subsidize expenses for school related activities. California's refineries have also created programs providing recent college and high school graduates with the opportunity to work and learn a trade during the summer months.

B. Volunteerism

Many refinery employees take on a variety of community volunteer roles in schools, sports, church, and charitable organizations. Refinery staff are also involved in local government (councils and commissions) and chambers of commerce. In addition to volunteering at a variety of local community, government, and nonprofit organizations, refinery employees use their knowledge, training skills, and experiences to benefit local communities through some of the following activities:

- Safety and CPR training;
- Community awareness training;
- Educational programs, and;
- Organizing CAER meeting programs.

To perform these volunteer activities, refiner's and their employees have donated many hours of human resources. Refiner's have advocated for employees to volunteer their time and, in some cases, provided compensated employee work time to volunteer services to the local community. The employees at one particular refinery have donated over 10,000 hours of their work time and have completed over 70 volunteer projects in the past two years – including construction of two computer labs, a children's playground structure, a community sensory garden, and a batting cage at a local high school.

Other refinery employees have volunteered their time in after-school mentoring and tutoring programs for local school children, assisted the Habitat-for-Humanities organization in building homes, organized blood drives, toy drives, and other fundraisers benefiting local community groups.