AB 1299 provides certain oil refineries an EXEMPTION from crucial fenceline and community air quality requirements, which are set to take effect January 2020. Kern Oil & Refining Company could process up to 55,000 barrels per day (more than 20 million barrels a year) releasing hazardous and toxic air pollutants such as benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, and xylene into the environment. Monitoring air toxics helps ensure workers and communities are safe.

What is Kern Oil & Refining Company trying to hide?

Kern Oil & Refining Company:

- Was prosecuted for 174 formal enforcement actions and fined $807,986 by USEPA in the last 5 years for Clean Air Act violations. [https://echo.epa.gov/detailed-facility-report?fid=110000481611#history](https://echo.epa.gov/detailed-facility-report?fid=110000481611#history)
- Was fined $90,000 to resolve alleged reporting violations of the Low Carbon Fuel Standard (LCFS) Regulation in August 2015. [https://www2.arb.ca.gov/kern-oil-and-refining-co-case-settlement](https://www2.arb.ca.gov/kern-oil-and-refining-co-case-settlement)
- In 2018, Kern Oil had 6 violations, including one serious accident violation, of rules meant to protect worker safety according to the United Steel Workers. The total proposed penalties were $81,270. [https://m.usw.org/news/media-center/articles/2018/california-regulators-fine-refiners-for-not-involving-workers-in-process-safety-management-planning](https://m.usw.org/news/media-center/articles/2018/california-regulators-fine-refiners-for-not-involving-workers-in-process-safety-management-planning)

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