



# OPPOSE – AB 1299 (Salas)

*As Amended September 10, 2019*

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>
- Was labeled as a major source of harmful air emissions (<https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=EPA-HQ-OAR-2010-0682-0800>), and reported over 26,000 pounds of on and offsite toxic air emissions in 2017. (<https://bit.ly/2keVz8N>)
- Is opposing USEPA's fenceline air monitoring requirements. <https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=EPA-HQ-OAR-2010-0682-0337>
- Was fined \$90,000 to resolve alleged reporting violations of the Low Carbon Fuel Standard (LCFS) Regulation in August 2015. <https://ww2.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>

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