



August 1, 2025

Yemia Hashimoto and Celina Hernandez
San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Tarry Material Site Remediation Timeline and Chevron Accountability

Dear Ms. Hashimoto and Ms. Hernandez,

The City of Alameda (City) was informed that Chevron has not met its July 18, 2025 requirement from the San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board (Water Board) for submittal of a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) to remediate the tarry refinery waste, despite already being granted an extension from February of this year, and is requesting a second extension to October. Due to the high potential of this site for significant development, the City is requesting the Water Board hold Chevron accountable to a submission deadline no later than September 15, 2025, with completion of the remedy required by the end of 2025 as well as to communicate with the City prior to adjusting deadlines or scope. We would appreciate a response from the Water Board on our requests by Friday, August 8, 2025.

As you discussed with City Manager Jennifer Ott and our staff in June, time is of the essence to complete the remediation of the tarry refinery waste on this property. On June 17, 2025, the City Council approved a purchase option agreement with Pacific Fusion for the property in question, for development of a first-of-its-kind nuclear fusion demonstration facility. This project holds the promise of delivering a limitless source of clean energy and cementing California's position as a leader in the emerging nuclear fusion industry. However, Pacific Fusion is considering several sites for this project including one outside of California, and they are expressing serious concerns with selecting Alameda as their facility site due to Chevron's inability to meet its deadlines to the Water Board. This is a \$900 million private investment and 250 jobs that the City and State are at risk of losing.

We understand that Chevron informed the Water Board that they could not meet their deadlines due to the City's delays with issuing permits. To be clear, all permits have been issued timely, and we see no reason why Chevron is not on site completing their sampling. Please note that Chevron's consultant first submitted its encroachment permit application to the City on July 3 (this permit was issued by the City on July 7) and first submitted its Marsh Crust Permit application on July 9 (this permit was issued by the City on July 23). Chevron could have applied for these permits months ago, and we had several conversations with Chevron inquiring as to why they were not starting the sampling work concurrently with the Vulnerability Assessment.

At this point, we are requesting the Water Board's collaboration with the City to hold Chevron accountable to a deadline that will enable completion of the remedy by the end of 2025. An aggressive commitment is needed for Pacific Fusion to feel comfortable selecting Alameda as its location for this

innovative facility. **To that end, the City is requesting that the Water Board extend the deadline for completion of the Corrective Action Plan to no later than September 15, 2025.**

We believe it is infeasible for Chevron to complete the remedy by the end of this year if they do not complete the CAP by mid-September. A company with Chevron's resources can reprioritize work to schedule sampling in early August and complete its analysis in this time frame.

While we appreciate Chevron's efforts to voluntarily come to the table, at this point, they have not shown a willingness to execute on a timely remediation schedule. **The City and the State of California are now at risk of losing a major employer and clean energy innovator to another state because of these delays. We ask that the Water Board increase its enforcement of Chevron's cleanup obligations, before Pacific Fusion decides to build this facility outside of California.**

Due to the time sensitive nature of this work, we would appreciate a response to this letter by August 8. We are happy to meet any time to discuss this with you. Thank you for your consideration of this request, and ongoing support and collaboration.

Sincerely,



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