

Excerpt from the Hazardous Materials Director's report at the September 23, 2021 Hazardous Materials Commission pertaining to the update of the County's Emergency Notification Policy

6. County Hazardous Materials Incident Notification Policy

a. At the request of Supervisor Gioia, CCHSHMP presented and discussed the proposed Hazardous Materials Incident Notification Policy at the Industrial Safety Ordinance/Community Warning System Ad Hoc Committee meeting on August 30th. We received input from both Supervisors on the policy and will be making suggested revisions.

b. One question that was raised by the Supervisors was community notification of a visible/audible incident (such as flaring) where there are not public protective actions issued (e.g., shelter in place, evacuation). Heather Tiernan (Community Warning System Manager at the Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services) has joined me today to answer any questions you may have regarding existing policies and procedures regarding the pushing of information to the community during these incidents.