

Description of Warning Alarms for the Bakersfield Refinery

The Bakersfield Refinery has emergency warning alarms with loud speakers that are installed throughout the operating areas of our refinery. These can alert our employees and the surrounding community to an incident or emergency. Following is an explanation of the Horn Alarm pattern and what our neighbors should consider if they hear the horn.

Important Note: The Bakersfield refinery alarms are tested every Tuesday at 3:00 p.m. This test will include a random sampling of alarms. In the absence of any other indication such as smoke or emergency responder vehicles, an alarm at this time is a test only and would not require any action from the community.

Description of Alarms

Horn Blast – Short Pattern: A repeated pattern of one, two or three short horn blasts would indicate that the refinery is experiencing an upset, disruption or incident in one of its processing units or areas.

What should neighbors do? Generally, no action is required at this time. This type of upset, disruption or incident is being handled by refinery personnel and first responders may have been notified if needed. Listen for additional alarms and check the [status page](#) at the Alon Bakersfield Refinery webpage for further information. If you are enrolled in **Ready Kern**, you may receive a message with further instructions on your phone or other preferred communications device.

Horn Blast – Two (2) Minutes Continuous: A loud, continuous horn blast of two minutes alerts Refinery employees and the community of a fire or more serious emergency. It also indicates that emergency responders have been or are being notified.

What should neighbors do? If you hear a two minute long continuous horn blast any time, (other than the Tuesday, 3:00 pm testing) make preparations to Shelter in Place. ([Click here to link to Shelter-in-Place instructions](#)) If you are enrolled in **Ready Kern** prepare to receive messages from **Ready Kern** on your phone or preferred communications device and to follow the instructions. Listen for additional alarms and check the [status page](#) at the Alon Bakersfield Refinery webpage for further information

Horn Blast – Fifteen (15) Seconds – All Clear: After an incident, disruption or emergency is under control, a 15 second horn blast is sounded to inform employees that the situation is controlled and that there is an all clear to resume their work.

What should neighbors do? After a Fifteen (15) Second “All Clear” alarm is sounded, neighbors should continue to await additional instructions from Emergency Responders or **Ready Kern** notification. Listen for additional alarms and check the [status page](#) at the Alon Bakersfield Refinery webpage for further information